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LAOS ALARMS

TEN days ago, the UN fact-finding team released its report saying it had found no evidence of flagrant Communist aggression in Laos. This surprised no one. Very soon after the Laotian balloon went up, war correspondents rushed to the country to find no full-scale war but only a shadowy guerrilla action in progress difficult for even the Government to pinpoint. Battles raged, armies advanced and retreated, towns and villages were threatened; the official daily bulletins were impressive and made big headlines. Yet few correspondents heard even rifle fire. No prisoners were taken but the action was alarming enough to warrant the appointment of UN investigators, and now in spite of their negative findings, Mr Hammarskjöld has flown to the country for an on-the-spot assessment. It would be tempting to write off the Laos affair as a false alarm. But the truth is probably that it was a genuine alarm only a little premature. War correspondents returning to the Colony predict trouble early next year. And Mr Hammarskjöld, possibly sensing the same uneasiness, has appointed a United Nations presence in the Laotian capital of Vientiane.

ANYONE remembering the Indo-China campaign will readily see the dangers of a similar action in Laos. The country borders North Vietnam. Its dissidents occupying the lawless frontier areas are strongly influenced by the Communists. Here is a channel for massive action launched by China and the Vietnamese. And it is a channel which will be difficult to block.

The flare-up earlier this year was possibly intended to test reaction in the West as well as to check Laos's political list. Westwards, it will be noticed that since strong and resolute action was taken in the UN, Communist pressure has switched to the Indian border.

But it is likely to switch back to Laos again, though there is no reason to believe that the country is marked down for direct conquest. If military intimidation is sufficient to restore Laos's policy of strict neutrality—which Mr Hammarskjöld also seems to favour—the Communists can claim a bloodless victory.

THERE is indeed evidence that Peking has pushed its campaign against India too far and would welcome a return to a less belligerent diplomacy in Asia. The parallel between Quemoy and Longju is a little too close for comfort and it must be embarrassing for the Chinese to explain how they can treat both their best friend and their worst enemy equally and impartially.

Mr Hammarskjöld is wise to take precautions in Laos. Whatever the role of the new UN official he has appointed to Vientiane, the Laotian people will feel more secure for his being there. It is only to be hoped that the UN fact-finding committee's report does not lull the West into a sense of false security.

WOMAN TOLD OF SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES
JUDGE WARNS ACCUSEDSeen Talking To
Witness In
Conspiracy Case

Victoria District Court Judge T. Creedon today warned a Chinese woman on a conspiracy charge not to interfere with Crown witnesses.

"If you try, you will find yourself on very serious charges," he told Lily Lee.

Lee, aged 40, together with Sub-Inspector Francis Adrian Walsh, 30, and his wife, Irene Sheila, 20, have pleaded not guilty to conspiring to solicit payments from Chow Chun-kwong and Chan Ping-kwan as a reward for Walsh forbearing to take action against a gambling club known as the Tai Kee Club, on 12th floor, Empire Apartments, in King's Road.

Lily Lee has pleaded not guilty to receiving \$2,000 on August 15 as a reward for Walsh forbearing to carry out his duties in respect of the club's activities.

Spoke To Witness

Before the hearing resumed today, Mr Simon Li, Crown Counsel, told Judge Creedon that after the adjournment yesterday afternoon Lee was seen speaking to a Crown witness, her former amah.

There is no evidence as to what exactly she was talking about," said Mr Li.

"But she was asking the witness to see her this morning. The amah said she did not hear what was told her and it may not have been done with any intention of affecting her evidence."

Lily Lee told the judge: "I was speaking about to myself, not exactly to my amah."

"I was saying that I wanted my daughter to see me. I have no other close relatives except my three children and I was wondering why none of them came to court to see me."

Judge Creedon told Lee she would be well advised not to speak her thoughts out loud again.

"If you try to interfere with Crown witnesses, you will find yourself on very serious charges—perhaps even more serious than the ones you are on at the moment," he said.

Cross-Examined

Mr Patrick Yu, appearing for Insp. and Mrs. Walsh then cross-examined Leung Chi-keung, head boy of the fourth floor, Winner House Hotel.

Yesterday Leung said he had fetched the No. 2 boy from the Tai Kee Club, opposite Winner House, at the request of Lee.

He told of a conversation between the boy, Chow Chun-kwong, Walsh, his wife, and Lily Lee.

Mr Yu asked Leung: "It must be difficult to remember a conversation which does not concern you and which takes place between people unknown to you."

Leung replied: "I can remember a little, but not much."

He said that on August 1, Lee had asked him to go opposite and get the person in charge.

Leung said he knew the Tai Kee Club was on the 12th floor because three months previously a friend had told him he worked at the club in Empire Apartments.

Mr Yu: But how did you know it was on the 12th floor?

Leung: Because Lee asked me to go to the 12th floor.

No Reduction
Of Britain's
S'pore Forces

London, Nov. 16. Government sources today flatly dismissed suggestions that Britain intended to cut down the level of her forces in Singapore.

The sources said there had been no reduction in troops recently, nor did the Government have any plans for a whittling down of forces in the foreseeable future.—UPI.

Discontent
In China's
Communes

Washington, Nov. 16. U.S. State Department officials said today that a steady stream of refugees from the Chinese mainland to Hongkong has produced detailed evidence of discontent among the inmates of China's communes.

But these officials said they had no independently obtained information on five food riots in Southeast China reported by Nationalist Chinese newspapers in Taipei today.

But they said all the information they have received from the U.S. listening post in Hongkong gives credence to the Taipei reports.

"Severe food rationing and a standard of living so low as to defy description is the common lot of the Chinese peasants who have been herded into the communes," one official said.

The Central News agency described five separate uprisings in which two Communist officials and more than 33 demonstrators were killed.

The fighting was said to have taken place in Kwangtung, and in the provinces of Hunan and Hainan off the South China coast.—UPI.

CHINA'S BIG
ORDER
FOR CRANES

China has placed her largest order for mobile cranes in Western Europe recently with a British firm, it was learned today.

R. H. Neal and Company Ltd., London, announced today the signing of contracts with China for a total value of HK\$4,800,000.

The contracts are for the supply of cranes of six and 15 tons capacity which will probably be used in various ports.

As regards future business with China, the company looks upon the market as one offering

Nehru Under
Fire In
Border Debate

New Delhi, Nov. 16. Mr Nehru, the Prime Minister, was "terribly upset" at a stormy session here today of nearly 300 Parliamentary members of the ruling Congress Party, during which the Sino-Indian border dispute was discussed, usually reliable sources said.

There was an exchange of words between members and Mr Nehru, they added.

Most of the 10 members who spoke during the two and a half hour session are understood to have urged firmer govern-

ment action to evict the Chinese from Indian territory.

After the meeting a party spokesman told correspondents that the usual press briefing would not be held and that Mr Nehru had agreed to a suggestion that what happened at the meeting should not be released to the press.

Sources said the atmosphere throughout was "tense" and Mr Nehru appeared to be emotionally upset.

The meeting was inconclusive and will be continued next Monday.

Some of the speakers suggested that Mr V. K. Menon, the Defence Minister, should be replaced, usually reliable sources said.

Mr Nehru, who spoke for about 30 minutes, is understood to have been frequently interrupted by members who disagreed with his whole line of argument.

According to the Press Trust of India, Mr Nehru was understood to have told the meeting that there was no need to feel panicky about the border situation and that the Government was taking every step to defend India's integrity.—Reuters.

The Man Who Looks Like
Monty Has One AmbitionALEXEY (above) and
MONTY (right).U.S. Worried Over
Further Threats Of
Panama Violence

Washington, Nov. 16. The Secretary of State, Mr Christian A. Herter, said today the Government has received threats of new anti-American violence in Panama. He said he was "increasingly concerned" for the safety of the U.S. Colony of 300.

The State Department said Mr Herter discussed the reports with the Panamanian Ambassador, Senor Ricardo M. Arias, in a 40-minute conference in the Secretary's office.

Mr Herter told Senor Arias the United States was willing to send a top U.S. diplomat to Panama to solve "misunderstandings" that led to the demonstrations on November 3 and 4.

RESPONSIBILITY

Mr Herter also reminded the Ambassador that the Government of Panama "continues to have the fundamental responsibility for maintaining public order in Panama."

The threats to which Mr Herter referred have been made in Panamanian radio broadcasts and newspapers.

Officials said Communists have had a hand in instigating the anti-American feeling in Panama but that they probably were not the only group behind it.

After his meeting with Mr Herter, Senor Arias said he believed the Communists were trying to take advantage of the situation. But he said it would be hard to say whether they instigated the trouble "because they work very underhandedly."—UPI.

SIMPLE

Oklahoma City, Nov. 16. Witnesses said they would have no trouble identifying the getaway car used by two men who robbed a theatre last night.

Large red letters on the back of the car spelled out the word "wanted."—UPI.

PI Expects
Extensive
Typhoon
Damage

Manila, Nov. 17. Extensive damage to crops and property here is expected as typhoon Freda with 90 mile per hour centre winds cut through central Luzon today passing 25 miles north of Manila in a northwesterly direction.

The weather bureau reported the typhoon had slowed down from fifteen to twelve miles per hour as it hit the eastern coast of Luzon with heavy winds early this morning.

The Philippine Search and Rescue Centre reported that two ships ran aground.

The "Silver Star" (tonnage unknown) was in a shallow area off Mindoro Island near the western coast of southern Luzon.

The Japanese ship "Ashihito Maru" (tonnage also unknown) was reported aground off the eastern coast of Luzon.

An unconfirmed press report said one man was killed in the island of Samar when a galvanised roofing sheet hit him.

The typhoon damage is expected in corn, hemp and sugar crop areas.—Reuters.

Russian refugee Alexey Lyov, 67, who left Hongkong for Germany today has one remaining ambition in life — to meet English war hero Field Marshal Montgomery.

Reason? "For three months since I have been in Hongkong, English people have never stopped asking me whether I was this Montgomery fellow."

Alexey, or "Monty" as he is dubbed by his English friends, who has a bristling grey moustache, boarded a Swissair plane his morning wearing a heavy Army-type duffle coat and a black beret.

"I am not trying to copy anyone—I probably wore a beret and a moustache even before Montgomery."

Alexey, who amased reporters with his likeness in appearance to Montgomery, left China three months ago.

A CHOICE

"I had the choice of going back to Russia or getting out. To me that was no choice."

Alexey, a mechanical engineer who speaks perfect English, said that his trouble of mistaken identity started shortly after his arrival in Hongkong.

"I was eating in a restaurant when a few Army men walked in and almost dropped in their tracks," he said.

"They stared and gaped at me so much that I had to question them."

"When I learned of my apparent likeness to this Army man I knew that I would be in for trouble—and for three months, people have never stopped staring at me and asking me who I am."

Alexey departed with his wife, Lillian Mary, who is an artist, for Germany where he hopes to set up a business.

However Alexey thinks that he could stir some trouble in his adopted country. "I have only just realised the Montgomery was an enemy of Germany."

May Build
Baby Products
Factory Here

A Stockholm businessman said on his departure from Hongkong today that he may build a baby products factory in the Colony.

He is Mr Arne Hemmingson, who left by Swissair this morning for Bangkok.

Mr Hemmingson, who has been in Hongkong only one week, told reporters that there appeared to be an excellent market for his line of trade in the Colony.

Mr Hemmingson owns a small factory in Stockholm and one in England.

"I have found now that I have room to expand and although I have made no definite plans, Hongkong certainly appears to be an ideal place," he said.

Mr Hemmingson's factory produces most articles of clothing, underwear and plastic toys, for babies.

He added that he may return to Hongkong shortly to lay down definite plans for a future factory.

Variable
Tariff For
Electricity
Suggested

A suggestion that electricity rates should from now on be based on a variable tariff basis and any necessary adjustment made yearly on that tariff, was made by Mr Winston S. Edwards, chartered accountant, before the Electricity Inquiry Commission this morning.

The surcharge set-up might have been justifiable in 1951 or 1952, he said. "But now the oil position seems to be more or less stabilised and it is no longer necessary to have that set-up."

It had been said that people were now living in an age of abnormality with wars and depressions and threats of wars and depressions. Mr Edwards went on. But the abnormalities were now the normal conditions of the present-day life.

"The late John Foster Dulles has said 'We are living in a period of brinkmanship.' And I think we are stuck with it!"

LIVING IN PAST

"So let's have this variable rate tariff and let's not live in the past," he said.

Mr Edwards also suggested the establishment of an "Electricity Supply Company Board" under a new ordinance and that four senior Government officials should be appointed to the Board, representing administrative, financial, legal and public works side.

Mr Edwards began his address by readily agreeing with the Commission that the two electric companies undoubtedly played a major part in the post-war rehabilitation of the Colony and its industrial development, and that their efficiency was of a very high standard.

"But the companies seem to think that their awards should be unlimited and that they should be allowed to continue to make these fabulous profits," he said, adding that their financial methods and relations which were questionable.

PUBLIC INTEREST

He contended that the question of whether or not they were a monopoly was not as important as the undisputed fact that they were privately owned public utilities and whether it was to public interest that they should continue to extract just what they liked from the public.

Mr Edwards conceded that Hongkong Electric were less unorthodox in their methods.

He contended that everything revolved round the fact that the two companies had been making excessive profits in whatever way they compared them.

The excuse for these huge profits and retentions was that Hongkong was different so that it was necessary for the consumers to provide most of the funds for expansion, Mr Edwards said.

But in support of this contention, there had been many conflicting statements, he submitted. No doubt some of the factors put forward, like risk, existed a few years ago, but their importance had diminished today.

"There has been a good deal of stability in the Colony for the last five years."

DIFFICULT

Mr Edwards pointed out that on the one hand Hongkong was described as a risky place and on the other it was compared with Switzerland, a safe place and centre of finance. And there was no reason why Hongkong could not be as safe as Switzerland for the same reason that other countries found it useful and did not want to disturb its status quo.

On the one hand China Light representatives spoke of risks and on the other hand they spoke of their confidence in the Colony and that capital had flown in because Hongkong was more stable than other parts of south-east Asia.

"It is difficult to know what they really think of the Colony," Mr Edwards remarked.

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Run Over By Train And
Lives To Tell Story

Blackpool, Nov. 16. A 64-year-old railway painter, George Wane, was run over by a 134-ton express locomotive here—but lived to tell the story.

He was a "million-to-one chance" escape as the giant locomotive ran him full-length between the track instead of under the wheels.

Mr Wane, one of a gang painting the station here, was crossing the track for his morning tea when the express hit him between the shoulder blades.

Station staff ran to his aid and he was taken to hospital where he was detained with broken ribs and cuts on his head.

A railway official said that the train, was travelling slowly but must have passed over Mr Wane with only inches to spare.

The driver of the locomotive knew nothing of the accident until later.—China Mail Special.

BUTCH GOES TO A PSYCHIATRIST

Shoreham, Nov. 16. A 40-year-old widow revealed here today that she had sent her four-year-old boxer dog, Butch, to a London psychiatrist to be treated for an "inferiority complex."

Earlier, Mrs Constance Gamble had been fined £1 for failing to comply with a court order to keep Butch under proper control.

"I am afraid he has been very naughty indeed but I hope the psychiatrist will be able to cure him," she said.

Butch has an inferiority complex which has given him the bad habit of biting other dogs. When he was a puppy he was bitten by two other bigger dogs and he cannot seem to forget it.

During his psychiatric treatment Butch is being looked after by the Canine Defence League of their training school at Hampton Court near London.

A spokesman for the League said Butch was being given obedience lessons and introduced to other dogs.

"Then gradually he will come to realise that they are not all his enemies."

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MAC IS OPTIMISTIC OVER SUMMIT TALKS

London, Nov. 16.

Mr Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister, declared here tonight that he believed it should be possible at a summit meeting "to reach some agreements limited either in character in time or in number."

Above all, he added, in a speech at the annual banquet of the Lord Mayor of London, it "should be possible to decide at the end of such a meeting to arrange for another."

The Prime Minister said the great powers should, in the British Parliamentary jargon, "adjourn and ask leave to sit again."

He commented: "In this way, I believe that the tension in the world may be reduced and problems resolved little by little, step by step."

"I know that our British Initiative was criticised a year ago. I rejoice that it has been so generously recognised—and indeed followed—by our Allies. The Prime Minister began by recalling his speech at last year's banquet when he described the international situation as "tense."

Berlin Crisis

He went on to refer to the crisis over Berlin, the visit that he and Mr Selwyn Lloyd, the Foreign Secretary, made to Moscow and the Foreign Ministers' meeting in Geneva.

As a result of these efforts, Mr Macmillan said, and of the visit Mr Nikita Khrushchev made to the United States, he believed the tension had "substantially lessened."

Today, instead of an atmosphere of tension, "we are embarked upon a series of discussions, visits and negotiations."

Mr Macmillan commented that it was rather like the "nice old fashioned dance — The Lanciers."

He declared: "First, we had 'Set to Partners.' Now we are 'Visiting.' Let us hope that we shall soon have 'Grand Chain.'"

(In the Lanciers, the dancers begin by greeting one another, then they advance towards one another and the dance ends with everyone holding hands.)

Folly

He added: "Of course, it would be folly to suppose that such a meeting would settle everything in a few short days of talk."

"The issues today are too big, the division too wide: they go too far back in history."

"But I do believe that it should be possible to reach some agreements limited either in character, in time or in number at such a summit meeting."

He went on to make his reference to British initiative being followed by other nations and then commented: "So we must come to a summit meeting and indeed to a series of such meetings."

"As I say, I do not expect sensational results from the first. Naturally such a meeting ought to be properly prepared, and this certainly involves on our side the fullest consultation between the Western Allies."

"We may regret the time taken by this formative process. But if the exchange of visits and the conversations between statesmen of East and West go on happily as they are, then I feel that at least the impetus is being maintained.—Reuter."

Shark-Infested Waters Scene Of Plane Crash

New Orleans, Nov. 16.

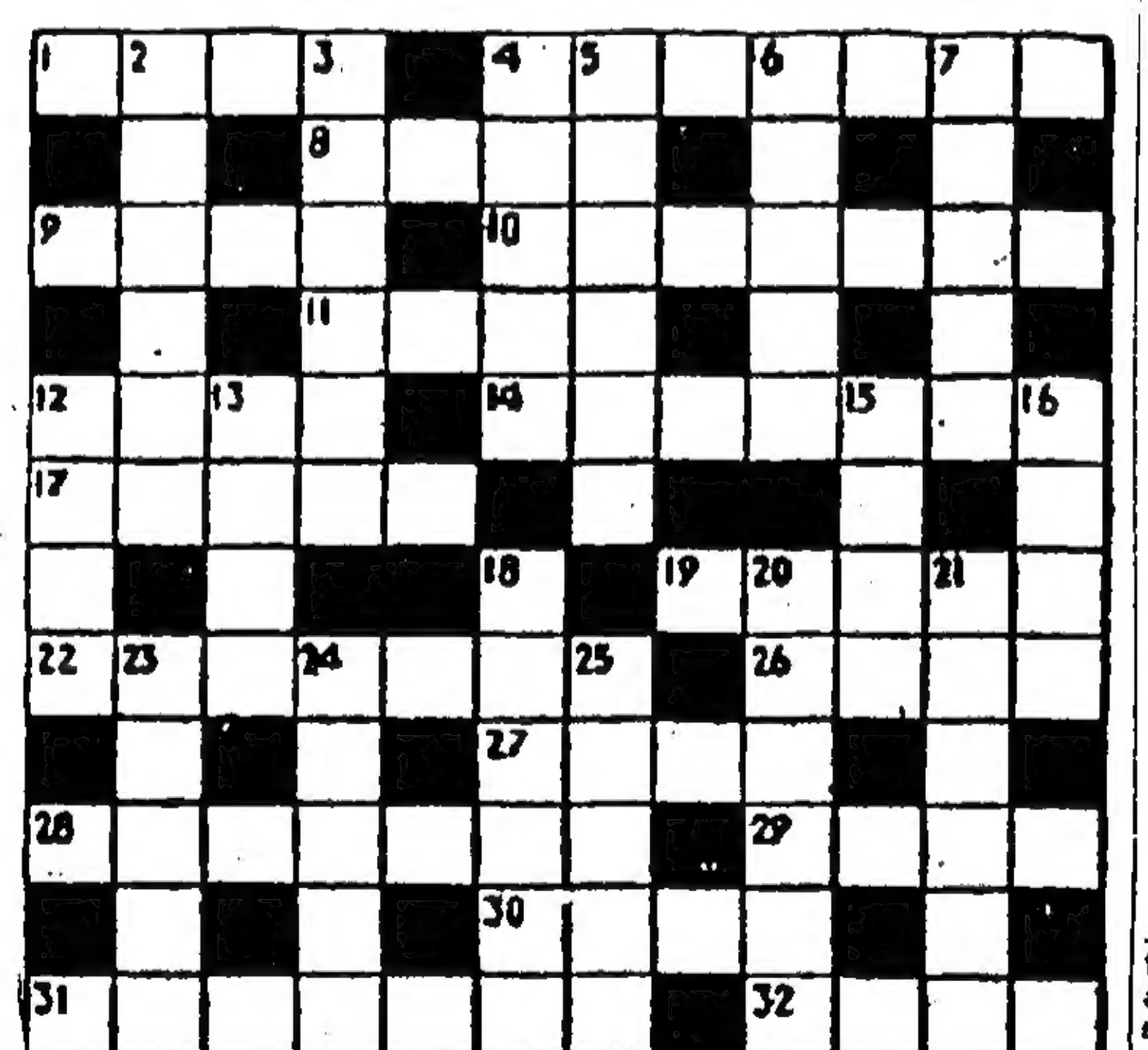
A transcontinental airline en route from Miami to New Orleans plunged suddenly and without a hint of trouble into the fog-covered Gulf of Mexico early today and all 42 persons aboard perished.

By nightfall, at least 10 bodies were picked up by Coast Guard craft and a search continued in shark-infested waters for other victims.

The big National Airlines DC-7B was cruising over open water in clear flying weather when it radioed that a thick overcast and fog bank loomed ahead. It received instructions to descend in altitude, but that was the last heard from the ill-fated four-engine plane.

Smoke flares marked the spot where the big plane plunged into water about 90 feet deep and three surface craft circled the area in search of bodies while a Coast Guard amphibian and an Air Force helicopter hovered overhead.—UPI.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Mum's the word (4).
- 4 Something like a train! (7).
- 8 To tell you the truth he's not likely to (4).
- 9 This ace comes out on top, of course (4).
- 10 Church — I have left the minister there (7).
- 11 Garment which gives Robert a start (4).
- 12 Just simply a stretch of water (4).
- 14 Calumny (7).
- 17 Poetic poet? (5).
- 18 Jack's victim (5).
- 22 Haird back for some fruit (7).
- 26 The work is brief to us (4).
- 27 Like mutton or dodo! (4).
- 28 Afternoon performance (7).
- 29 Flag girl (4).
- 30 Nona will be back before long (4).
- 31 Holy man rolls as he waits (7).
- 32 Impassioned trees (4).

DOWN

- 2 Shown by keen businessmen (6).
- 3 Inefficient cake-watcher! (6).
- 4 The dance of a doctor in South Africa (5).
- 6 A good man who finally became a saint (8).
- 8 Social distinction (5).
- 9 Declares (5).
- 12 Was she invited to attend a garden party? (4).
- 13 Though fishy they sound fragrant (4).
- 15 Harvest of immature apples (4).
- 16 Food found in meat safes (4).
- 18 Severe trial (6).
- 20 Medicinal paint might one call it (5).
- 21 Cui which is anathema to an outfall! (8).
- 23 Extort to be precise (5).
- 24 Irish Co. (5).
- 25 Irish Co. (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Men-age, 5 Impot, 8 In-N-E, 9 Reward(rev), 10 Derby, 11 Donor, 12 Iron, 13 Cuts, 15 Hearty, 18 Exotic, 20 Tares, 22 Plus, 25 Broom, 26 Vista, 28 Tub(rev)-bed, 29 Exot, 28 A-side, 29 Seneca, Down: 1 Methodist, 2 Newcomer, 3 Gird, 4 Endowed, 5 Indora, 6 Meru-t, 7 Or-lab, 15 Syllabus, 16 Sub-idea, 18 Host-age, 17 Aerates, 19 Repled, 21 Alias, 24 Mute.

McElroy Notes Need For Recall Of U.S. Forces Some Day

Augusta, Nov. 16.

Mr Neil McElroy, U.S. Defence Secretary said here today the United States must "face up to a decision" on bringing home some of its troops still stationed overseas.

He made the comment after talks with President Eisenhower and other officials on means of holding down the 1801 military budget.

Mr McElroy told reporters that some cuts and some increases were made today.

Mr McElroy said a United States decision on bringing home some of its troops would not have to be made immediately. But it would have to be done "some time."

He gave no details of the cuts and increases in the military budget.

SERVICE DEMANDS

The military budget of \$41,000 million is more than half the country's total budget. It was officially "settled" by the Defence Department last week but it is certain that Service demands for more funds will continue both in public and private.

The Air Force wants more money for the high altitude, high speed B-70 bomber; the Navy wants to hasten production of its solid fuel Polaris missile designed to be fired from underwater submarines and the Army wants to modernise its weapons and press forward with their Nike-Zeus anti-missile project.

All these plans, the Services contend, are being delayed for lack of funds.

A party of 10 top officials, headed by Mr McElroy, flew to president Eisenhower's golf club "White House" here for today's talks.

The President is spending a short holiday before starting his foreign tour next month.—Reuter.

UN Proposal On Limiting N-Weapons

United Nations, Nov. 16.

The main Political Committee today suggested that the new ten-nation disarmament body which will begin talks in Geneva next year should consider means of limiting possession of nuclear weapons.

The Committee adopted by 66 votes to none with 13 abstentions—with three members absent—an Irish-sponsored resolution to this effect.

DANGER EXISTS

It would have the General Assembly state its recognition that "the danger now exists that an increase in the number of states possessing nuclear weapons may occur, aggravating international tension and the difficulty of maintaining world peace and thus rendering more difficult the attainment of general disarmament agreement."

France, which plans soon to join the nations which have nuclear weapons—Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union—was among those which abstained.

Also abstaining were the Soviet Union, its associated states, and China and Peru.—Reuter.

Three Drowned

Mauritius, Nov. 16.

Three people were drowned when torrential rains of as much as 12 inches in one night caused flooding in the northern region of Mauritius during the weekend.

Hundreds of homeless have taken refuge in schools, village halls and other public buildings.—Reuter.

UK BID TO LIBERALISE CARD GAME LAWS

London, Nov. 16.

Mr R. A. Butler, the British Home Secretary, today started a process in Parliament which will result in Britain having licensed betting shops and a 20th century look to her antiquated card game laws, some of which go back to 1541.

He asked the House of Commons to give a second reading—agreement in principle—to a bill which he said would liberalise a branch of the law which had become "out-moded and ineffective and therefore treated by many people with ridicule and contempt."

AMUSED HOUSE

Mr Butler, opening a two-day debate, amused the House by saying that the game of Bridge played for money stakes at a club in London was illegal but "Snop" was not.

This was because "Snop," a very simple game chiefly played by children, was considered by the present law "a game of skill."

Mr Butler also said it was not realised that such events as garden fetes for Church funds were of doubtful legality, even though they were not interfered with by the Police. The bill would put these clearly within the law.—Reuter.

Claims New Cure For Thrombosis

London, Nov. 16.

An English Doctor, E. F. St. John Lyburn, said today that he had discovered an original and revolutionary method for curing people who suffer from thrombosis.

Dr Lyburn's invention consists of a cabin in which the patient's head and neck are placed and exposed to cold ranging from 4 to 14 degrees below zero while the rest of the body is placed in a steam bath which raises the body temperature to about 45 degrees Fahrenheit (112 degrees Fahrenheit).

The increased functioning of the perspiratory system results in immediate relief, he said.

Dr Lyburn said that a patient suffering from thrombosis was placed unconscious inside the cabin, and emerged five minutes later, conscious and able to speak.—AFP.

Huge Ocean Plateau Found

New York, Nov. 16.

Oceanographers have discovered a huge underwater plateau in the Atlantic. It was named the "Alvin" plateau, named after the ship that discovered it. The plateau, located 500 miles north of the tip of Africa, was first found by the nuclear submarine Nautilus, which it made its pioneer voyage across the Atlantic nearly two years ago.

Just Couldn't Stop Whistling

London, Nov. 16.

The London Transport executive has banned one of its underground railway ticket collectors from whistling.

Thirty-two-year-old Eric Puffer had whistled for years as he stood in his little box at the Turnham Green station.

Then, one day, a businessman complained to the railway executive that a collector always whistled "Colonel Bogey" as he passed through the ticket barrier.

The businessman protested that the tune—an army march whose fame has spread since its use in the British film "The Bridge on the River Kwai"—was often sung to rude words. So the executive assigned an inspector to find the culprit and all the Turnham Green staff were asked if they could whistle.

ANOTHER TUNE

Eventually Puffer was tracked and told by the inspector never to whistle "Colonel Bogey" again. Puffer said "I'll try to stop whistling but I do it naturally."

The inspector told him "If you've got to whistle, try another tune, 'Blaze Away' for instance."

So Puffer whistled the new march cheerfully for three weeks—until a woman complained that he was always whistling the same tune as he punched her ticket.

This time Puffer was told by the station master to "cut out the whistling business" completely.

Puffer, telling his story, is quoted by the Daily Mail as saying "It's beginning to get on my nerves."

"I find I'm all tensed up, sometimes I forget myself and I have a quick look round to see if anyone has been looking."—China Mail Special.

Inquiry Into Unofficial Strikes

London, Nov. 16.

Leaders of eight million British workers meeting here today to discuss unofficial strikes which are disrupting British industry, decided to send a questionnaire to the country's 185 unions.

The Union leaders, members of the 18-man General Council of the Trades Union Congress, will meet again on December 18 when they will have the Unions' answers.

Sir Thomas Williamson, General Secretary of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers, who acted as Chairman, said after today's meeting that their investigation would go back to 1956.

"This is going to be a long-term and objective inquiry," he added.

"We are going to deal with the questions of trades unions and industrial relations and not with the political aspects."

"We want to know all about the strikes, then we intend to do something about the problem."

"We may well discuss this matter with some of the really well-known strike leaders."—Reuter.

Hongkong Girl's Big Moment In London



Plays 'Suzie' In Theatrical Gamble Of The Year

By Colin Richards

London, Nov. 16.

The eyes of London's West End will be on a 20-year-old "unknown" from Hongkong tonight as she steps up to the footlights and into Britain's biggest theatrical gamble of the year.

She is tiny (five feet) Tani Chin who may — or may not — thrust into stardom with a name part in "The World of Suzie Wong," a play which may — or may not — make a big box-office hit.

The play has been adapted by Paul Osbourn from Richard Mason's best-selling book of the same name. It is a story of an Englishman in Hongkong and a Chinese prostitute.

For Tani this is her first big break since she came to Britain five years ago to study at Royal Academy of Dramatic Art.

CURRENT CRAZE

But for Britain's theatrical czars "The World of Suzie Wong" is a £25,000 gamble that London will follow New York's current craze for oriental plays and musicals.

"The World of Suzie Wong" has packed a Broadway theatre for over two years and the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The Flower Drum Song" has just finished a smash-hit year.

Then while the more cautious British producers were still wondering, Donald Albery took up the challenge and sank £25,000 into making Britain's own "Suzie Wong" and Rodgers and Hammerstein's "The Flower Drum Song" has just finished a smash-hit year.

Simultaneously, both producers asked Tani, with little selling experience and only one small film part behind her, to take the lead.

"It was a terrible decision for a girl not used to big money," Tani told me, in her London flat.

"On one hand there was a wonderful part as a beg girl in a straight play; on the other, an equally good part as a good girl in a musical."

But there was another consideration: Rodgers and Hammerstein were offering twice the money.

TWO REASONS

Tani accepted the "Suzie Wong" part, she told me, for two reasons. "One was that it opened sooner and the other was that my husband (she married Peter Coo a year ago) was to be director of 'Suzie Wong.'"

Producer Albery's gamble has got off to a good start—already advance booking has brought £25,000.

The cost of 40 includes 11 girls all recruited from London's oriental population. Many of them have little or no acting experience. But only one girl besides Tani comes from Hongkong. She is Daisy Sze-lo, Actress Shi Na is Russo-Japanese and Tani's understudy Jackie Chan is a Trinidadian Chinese. Others come from Singapore, Malaya and Java.

How this group of "unknowns" act and how the show goes across will be anxiously studied by one man in the stalls. He is Jerome Whyte, production manager for Rodgers and Hammerstein, who will base his report on the possible success of "The Flower Drum Song" on how "Suzie Wong" fares with London's first nighters. — London Express Service.

Letter To Santa

Muskegon, Mich., Nov. 16. The Post Office reports today it had come across a letter addressed to Santa Claus which read:

"Dear Santa, please send me a good behaviour kit at once.—UPL"

Reward

London, Nov. 16. A London pub is offering a barrel of beer and no questions asked to anyone who returns a 100 pound cannon stolen from the premises.—UPI.

HK REFUGEES

Geneva, Nov. 16.

The Inter-Governmental Committee for European Migration proposed to move 2,120 migrants and refugees from Hongkong during 1959. It was stated here today.—Reuter.

MOTHER'S WARNING PAYS OFF

Leiston, Nov. 16.

Three 14-year-old schoolboys here have been landing catches of herring while adult fishermen have been returning from long sea journeys empty-handed.

In two days, the boys landed herring worth £14.

Peter Harrison and twin brothers Graham and Norman Davies saved up money they earned delivering newspapers in the summer, went into partnership, and bought an old rowing boat for £8, some dilapidated nets and a shed.

They spent their summer holidays repairing the boat and the local fishermen taught them how to mend the nets.

The boys have caught their herring because their mothers insisted they should not go far out to sea.

The more experienced fishermen in their motor boats went out too far and missed the shoals.

What fish the boys could not sell on the beach at two-pence each they took to school and sold to other children at a penny each.

They have now earned enough to cover all their expenses.—China Mail Special.

Resourceful Elephant

Kampala, Uganda, Nov. 16.

Officials of the Uganda Game Department today reported a wild elephant has found a way to get free meals.

They said the elephant regards the sound of a woodman's axe as a dinner gong. As soon as a tree is felled he rushes from the forest, chases the lumbermen away, and eats the bunch tips which were out of reach while the tree was standing.—UPI.

Petrol Strike Disrupts Transport

Dublin, Nov. 16.

Petrol stations ran dry of petrol and Shannon Airport was closed today as 1,500 fuel distribution men remained on strike throughout the Irish Republic.

With "no petrol" signs up at petrol stations and the country's road transport gradually running to a standstill, the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Mr P. A. Brady, member of the Government's Fianna Fail Party, offered to mediate with the strikers—who want a 30s. a week rise.

Prime Minister Mr Sean Lemass was believed to be considering turning out troops to distribute petrol should the situation deteriorate much further.—Reuter.

Parents Stage Strike

London, Nov. 16.

Parents at Rochford, Essex, near London, today began a one-day-a-week stay-away strike by school children in protest at teaching conditions.

Only 340 of the 623 pupils turned up at the local county secondary school.

The parents declared that the strike will continue every Monday until children now being taught in overflow Church halls and clubs are re-housed in temporary classrooms and plans for a permanent school big enough for all the children are put in hand.

They also complained that the present school is too near "Southend Airport and is harassed by the noise of low-flying planes and is in danger from crashes."—China Mail Special.

Rescued From 30-Foot Well

Coventry, Nov. 16.

William Sherburn, aged 53, was rescued here today after lying all night at the bottom of a dilapidated 30-foot well.

A passing workman this morning kicked a stone down the well and heard a feeble shout. Sherburn was brought up by firemen and taken to hospital with exposure.—China Mail Special.

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Colour TV Marks Fifth Birthday

Colour TV in the U.S. was five years old last week. Why—since Britain pioneered television for the world—is America so far ahead on the colour development?

You know the answer already. It is just that America has a lot more money to spend on everything. While colour TV is still in the experimental closed-circuit stage in Britain, I can watch it in my neighbourhood bar off Lexington Avenue for the price of a 15-cent (one shilling) beer. The technical quality isn't great. Actors tend to have blue lips and dancing girls prance around on green legs. "Hey! How about adjusting the set?" says some 15-cent-beer drinker to the bar-tender. He adjusts it, tuning out the blues and greens and bringing up the reds. This makes it just as bad, only different. The whole thing now looks as if it has been shot during the great fire of Chicago. People have not rushed out to buy colour sets. There are 50,000 in the U.S. against 20,000,000 black-and-white sets. Everyone is waiting for the price to come down. Present minimum: around 500 dollars (£130). And it's not going to come down for some years yet.

DO NOT deride Americans when they complain about the plumbing in Britain, France, Italy, or anywhere else. The Americans know what they're talking about. They have the most magnificent, efficient, and glorious plumbing in the world. I was talking of the other evening to Sir Archibald McIndoe, another English plastic surgeon, Doctor Robin Bear. "What strikes you most about America when you come over?" I asked. "The prices are always a shock," said Sir Archibald. "But the bathrooms are wonderful!" exclaimed Dr Bear.

EDDIE CONSTANTINE, the American actor who became a tough-guy star of French film, has returned to Hollywood for the first time for 12 years. He is here for a TV show. Constantine is hardly known in the U.S. When one of his films was shown here a critic wrote: "This only goes to prove that 40,000,000 Frenchmen can be wrong."

THIS ageing sign on a New York garage is drawing a lot of business. "Foreign cars washed in imported water."

JACKIE GLEASON, America's fat man comedian, told a theatre restaurant to lay in a hundred cases of my favourite wine. He added: "My favourite wine is anything made with grapes."

MEMO to Aneurin Bevan: It is not your first name. It's the last name that forces American newspapers. The Washington Post carried a story about you recently with "Bevan" in the headlines, and "Bevan" in the picture caption, and "Bevan" in the text.

I.Q. TESTS have been covered-sold as a guide to real mental capacity, says the head of an organisation which has carried out more than half a million of them. Educationist John M. Stalner said that a high intelligence quotient may be a "lifeless" thing. "Even the best steam locomotive gets nowhere unless there is a fire in the boiler," he added.

GENERAL MOTORS, biggest car makers in the U.S., will shut down all their factories next week. Steel has run out after the 108-day steel strike, which is still going on.

THE GOVERNMENT sued Horace N. Small of New York

for 1,237 dollars (£470) which the U.S. Army overpaid to him when he was a sergeant during the war. You will be glad to hear the Government lost the case. Judge Sidney Sugarmann said he certainly wasn't going to make Mr. Small pay for a book-keeping error made by army 17 years ago.



BRITISH-BORN actor Ray Milland is such a success on TV that he has postponed his decision to quit acting and go back to college. He is 51. His "private eye" series, "Markham," is in the top audience ratings. Milland says it doesn't look as if he will get out for another three years now. Then he plans to study languages and archaeology in Europe.

NEW YORK City Police Commissioner Stephen P. Kennedy has told the city council that the "phoney bunch of political opportunists" and a famous New York judge, Samuel Leibelwitz, the other night told another judge to "keep his filthy mouth shut."

WHAT country has had the biggest influence on American fashion in the 1950's? Say the fashion experts—Italy. The loose sweater, the tight pants, and the "steep" hair-do all came from Italy.

Peter Chambers

boy, Peter Mancusi, who was acquitted this week on a charge of kicking an old man to death in a city park. Judge Nathan Sobel said the trial was "ludicrous"—but not so ludicrous as the "publicity seeker" who conducted it. Judge Leibelwitz. And this brought the Leibelwitzs broadside.

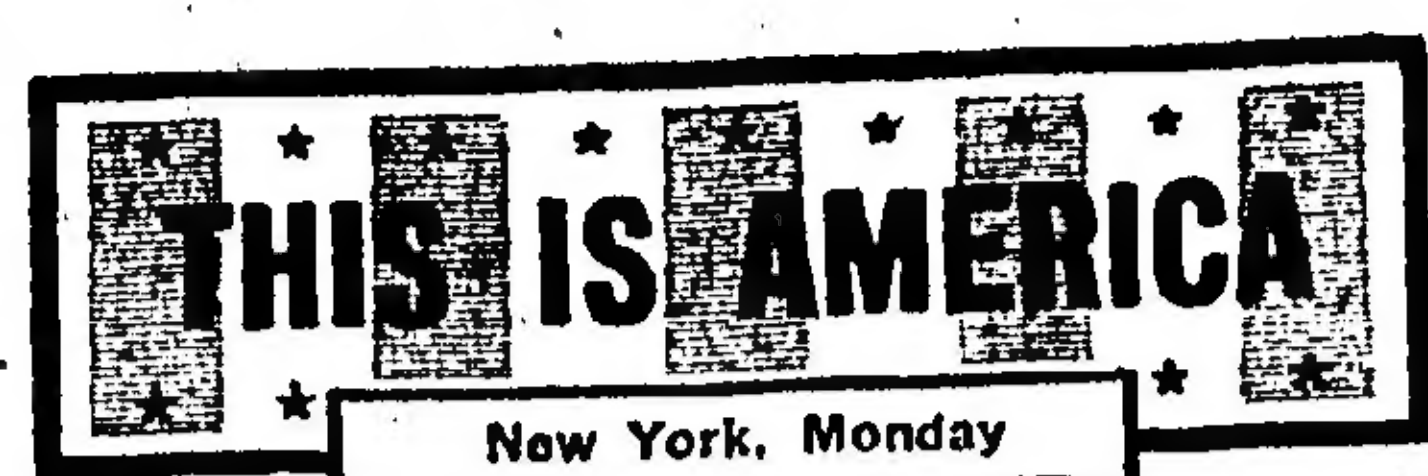
Meanwhile Police Commissioner Kennedy was fighting with the city council over right-sticks—the massive truncheons which New York cops carry on the night beat. The council said the police should carry them by day, i.e. instead of the short "Billy" (like a London policeman's truncheon).

Kennedy got very huffed. He told the city council they were among other things, "frivolous" and "politically expedient." And his police just were not going to carry night-sticks in the daytime, that's all.

NEW CHRISTMAS present for girls is the "stick doll kit." The doll comes in a box with crutches, bandages, plasters and a box of red spots that can be stuck on to look like measles.

SMALL AD. in a Connecticut newspaper: "Twenty-eight-foot cabin cruiser for sale. Excellent condition. Sleeps four sober or eight drunk."

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COMMUNITY with the most blood donors in the U.S. is New Mexico State prison. The convicts get 15 days knocked off their sentence every time they give a pint of blood.

AFTER the aeroplane has landed, it's a waste of time to use the same swimming pools as whites, after trying it for only one day.

UNDERTAKERS here have a trade magazine called Sunshade.

MIAMI, Florida, has reversed its decision to allow Negroes to use the same swimming pools as whites, after trying it for only one day.

WHAT happened? Negroes swim and whites boycotted the pools.

EQUITY, the actors' union, has negotiated a new minimum wage—45 dollars (£16). A week. This is just two dollars (14s. 6d.) more than an unemployed man with a wife and two children picks up on his welfare cheque.

WHAT country has had the biggest influence on American fashion in the 1950's? Say the fashion experts—Italy. The loose sweater, the tight pants, and the "steep" hair-do all came from Italy.

According to New York fashion writer Eugenia Sheppard, "The Italian look has supplanted the two women-to-look-like-a-British-lady-or-a-rectified-Frenchwoman-in-black."

JUST about everyone in Britain can imitate an "African" accent. "But how accurately?" Here's a test from Earl Wilson, columnist of the New York Post.

Try these Southern words as pronounced in Charleston (named after King's English speaker Charles II) in South Carolina.

ABODE—a wooden plank. **GROAN**—increasing in size. **ICE COOL**—an institution of learning.

FLOW—what you stand on in a house. **FRUSTRATE**—the tops.

UP NORTH. Now here's some real New York talk from Brooklyn. This is about as different from Charleston as cockney is from Glaswegian.

FIT—as in "I was walking down Fit Avenue." **DENSE**—"May I have dis dis?"

DODDER—as in "dodder-in-law." **MEDICINE**—the avenue next to Lexington.

ANNNOY—the goll who looks after you in hospital.

from America—by Allister Cooke, 8.55, Weather, 9 Time Signal, News & Home News from Britain, 2.15, The Little Nightingale—Portrait of Alexander Pope by Eric Evans, 10.15, Voices in Harmony—Close Harmony Singers with The McGuire Sisters, 10.45, Key-board Cavalcade—Bill Snyder, 10.55, Weather, 11, Time Signal, News, 11.15, And So To Bed, 11.30, Close Down.

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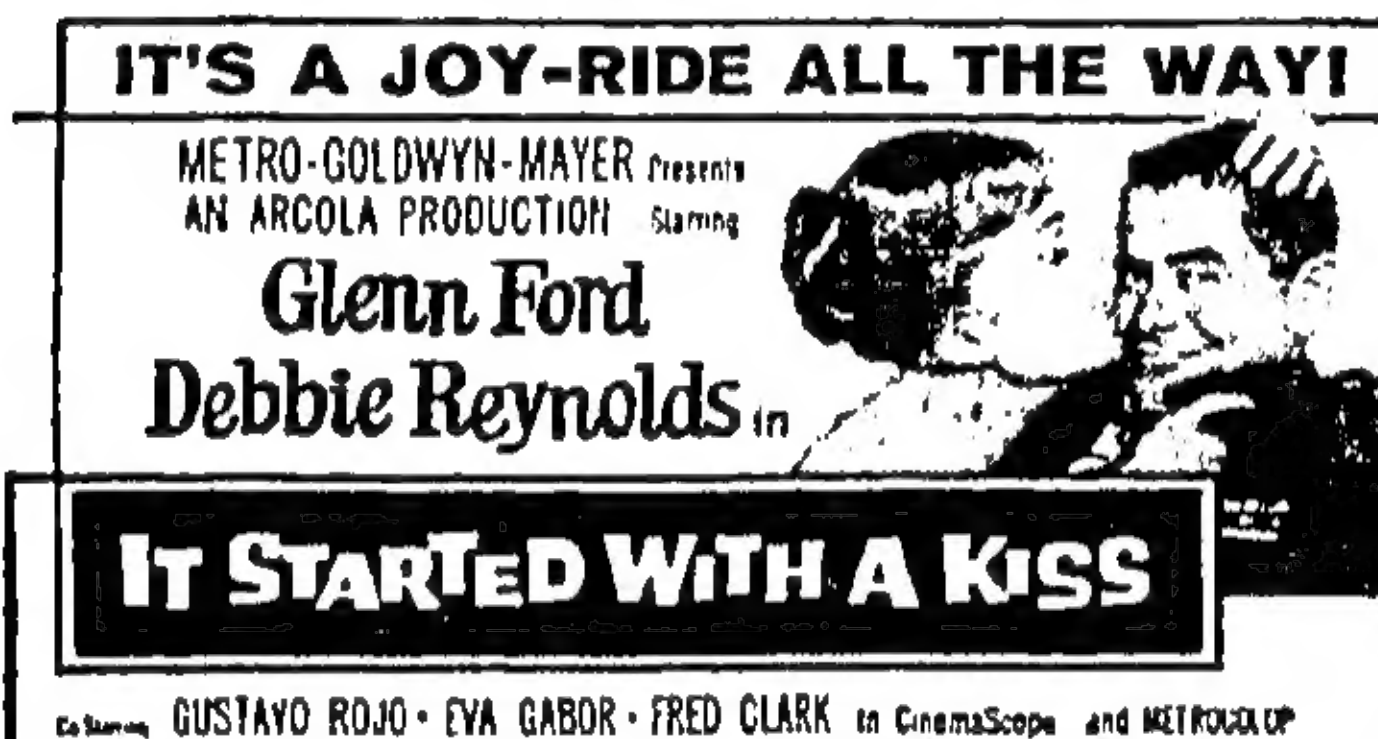
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AMAZING FIND IN TUCK

SHOP WALL

London, Nov. 16. Seven ancient Assyrian carvings found in a school tuckshop were sold at Sotheby's auction rooms, London, today for £14,250.

The sculptures, sent for sale by the governors of Canford School in south-western England, are believed to date back to 600 or 700 years before Christ.

For years they had formed an unnoticed part of the tuckshop wall and were covered with several coats of paint.

A Mystery

How this happened is a mystery though the tuckshop was formerly the private museum of Sir John Guest—original owner of what is now Canford School.

The rest of the Assyrian sculptures are now in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

The carvings were all excavated by Sir Henry Layard, son-in-law of Sir John Guest, at Nineveh during his second expedition there in 1849-1851.

Sennacherib's?

They are believed to come from the palace of Sennacherib. One of the reliefs was bought by the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford. The others were bought individually by different dealers and private buyers.—China Mail Special.

Margaret's Most Favoured Escort

London, Nov. 17. Princess Margaret's most favoured escort is now "without question" Mr Dominic Elliot, a 27-year-old former Etonian now in the advertising business, the Daily Mail reports.

The newspaper's columnist describes how he "brushed his way through the crowds" to take the Princess out to lunch on Nov. 11 at Claridge's, London. He adds: "Only a very old friend, highly thought of in Royal circles, could have dispersed with ceremony as Dominic did at his luncheon for two."

Just before 1 p.m., as shoppers were scrambling for a meal, a large Jaguar car nosed into the kerb beside Claridge's, the report says. Mr Elliot was at the wheel. Out stepped Princess Margaret, and her "attentive escort" ushered her quickly through the hotel to the restaurant, the Daily Mail says. Mr Elliot is the second son of the Earl of Minto.—China Mail Special.

Dag's Return

United Nations, Nov. 16. Mr Dag Hammarskjöld, the Secretary-General, will return to New York next Saturday from his mission in Laos, it was announced here tonight.—Reuters.

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LIANG HSIN-PO in "THE SCOUT MASTER"

PRIEST'S BID TO STOP FRENCH A-TEST

New York, Nov. 16. The Rev Michael Scott, a British Anglican clergyman left by air today for Accra, Ghana on his way to join an international team who plan to protest against the holding of French atomic tests in the Sahara desert.

Mr Scott told reporters the team hoped to get to El Hamoudia, in the Reggan area of the Sahara, and would try to persuade technicians not carry out the tests.

"I understand a number of protest meetings are being held and the team will include a Frenchwoman, and representatives from Britain and Africa," he said.

Mr Scott said the team would leave Accra later this month and pass through French upper Volta and the French Sudan, reaching Algeria in time for the tests.

Visas Refused

Asked what he would do if the team were prevented from entering the territory, he said: "We'll face that obstacle when it arises."

He admitted that the French Government had already refused to supply two members of the team with visas, but said the team would try to get into the area officially or unofficially, he added: "We hope to appeal to the conscience of the French people in making this protest," he said.—Reuters.

THREW HIMSELF FROM 14th FLOOR

London, Nov. 17. Australian concert singer John Thomas Limpus, aged 29, walked to the top of a new 140-foot "show piece" office block in London and threw himself from the 14th storey, an inquest was told here.

A pianist, Mr Reginald Champ, who lived at the same address as Limpus, said the singer had been successful in Australia but since coming to London four months before from Vienna did not have much work.

Limpus was booked to give a recital at a big London hall next January.

DEPRESSION

Mr Champ played for him at his lessons and afterwards Limpus went for a walk. Medical evidence was given that the artist had been treated in a mental hospital for depression.

The office block, Castrol House, Marylebone, had been opened that day for viewing by a party of 130 architects and the foreman said "anyone entering would not have been stopped if they looked respectable."

The coroner recorded a verdict of suicide.—China Mail Special.

Actor Improves

Hollywood, Nov. 16. Hospital physicians said here today that the condition of British Actor James Mason, who was admitted last week suffering from virus pneumonia, was good.—China Mail Special.

Brain Surgeons In Bid To Save Boy's Life

Accra, Nov. 16.

Four leading world brain surgeons converged here today to try to save the life of an eight-year old Israeli boy injured in a car accident earlier this month.

Rami Katz was driving with his mother, father, and sister when their car was involved in an accident.

Mrs Katz was killed, and Mr Katz and his daughter Amira were sent to hospital. So was Rami—with a delicate brain injury.

Surgical specialists at Ghana hospital wanted to consult brain specialists, and at once the call went on a variety of channels.

Arrived Today

The U.S. Embassy signalled for a Navy surgeon, who arrived today from Morocco. Israel's Prof. Ashkenasani from Tel Aviv, Britain's Harvey Jackson and France's M. Fied were all expected today.

Premier Kwame Nkrumah personally contacted the Ghana High Commission in London which got in touch with Dr Jackson.

A telegraph engineer succeeded in contacting a private radio operator in Tel Aviv, who advised a local hospital of the boy's condition.

Rami's father is in Ghana working for the Israel-Ghana Construction Company.—UPI.

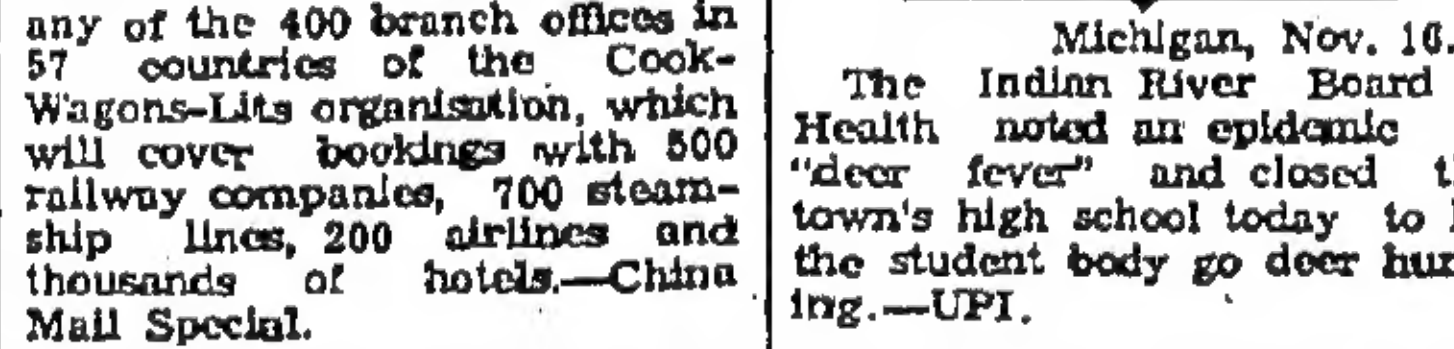
New Travel Facility For British Businessmen

London, Nov. 17. British businessmen can travel anywhere in the world on credit under a plan announced by Thomas Cook and Son, Britain's oldest travel agents.

The plan is the first available to British businessmen, and embraces all travel services. It provides freedom to travel anywhere at a moment's notice without unnecessary delay, and will mean an end to paying individual bills.

The charges for services provided will be passed back to Britain for payment in sterling. There will be no charge for the credit facility.

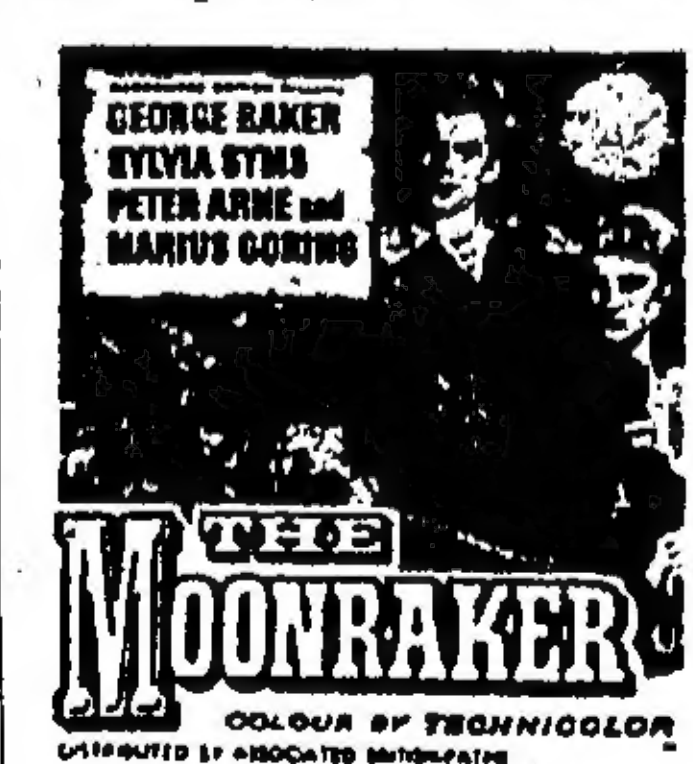
Businessmen taking advantage of the plan will be given a letter of authority which will enable them to obtain credit at any of the 400 branch offices in 57 countries of the Cooks-Wagons-Lits organization, which will cover bookings with 500 railway companies, 700 steamship lines, 200 airlines and thousands of hotels.—China Mail Special.



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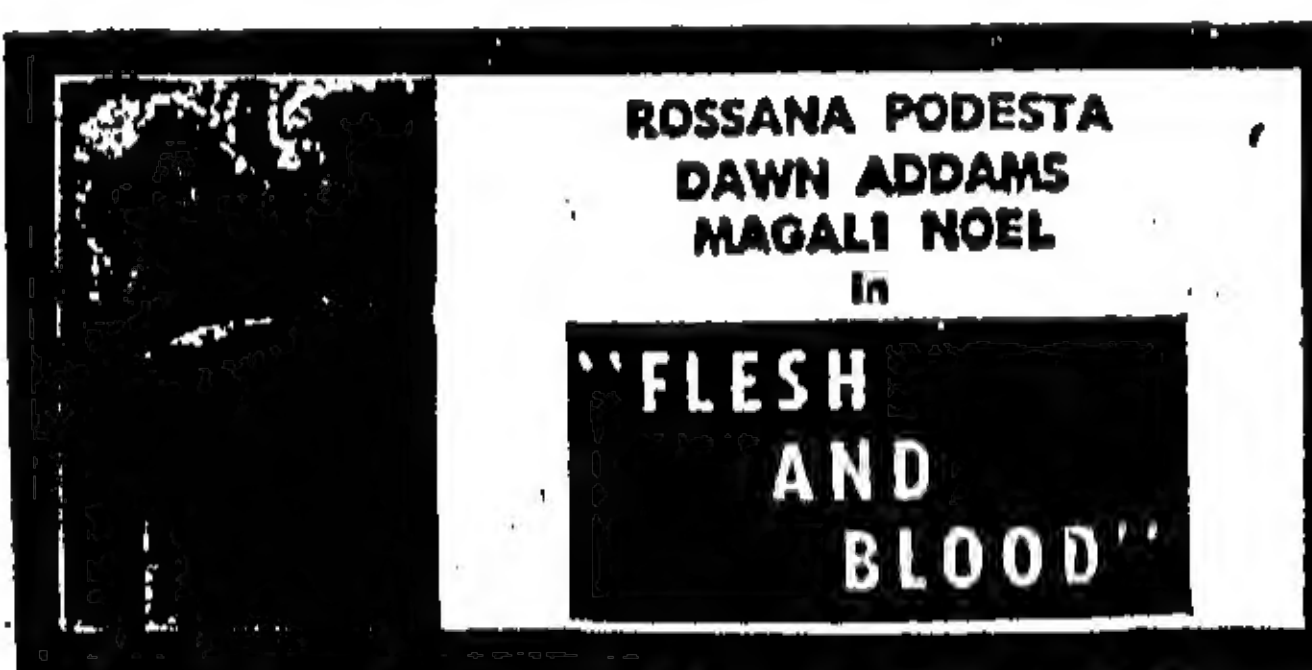
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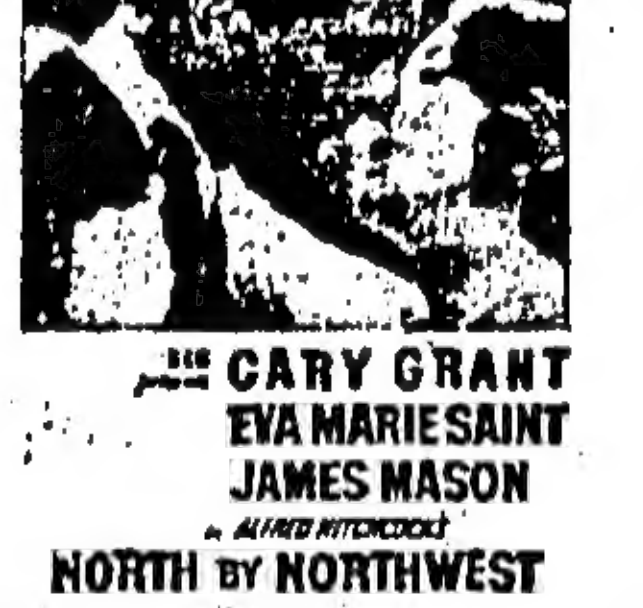


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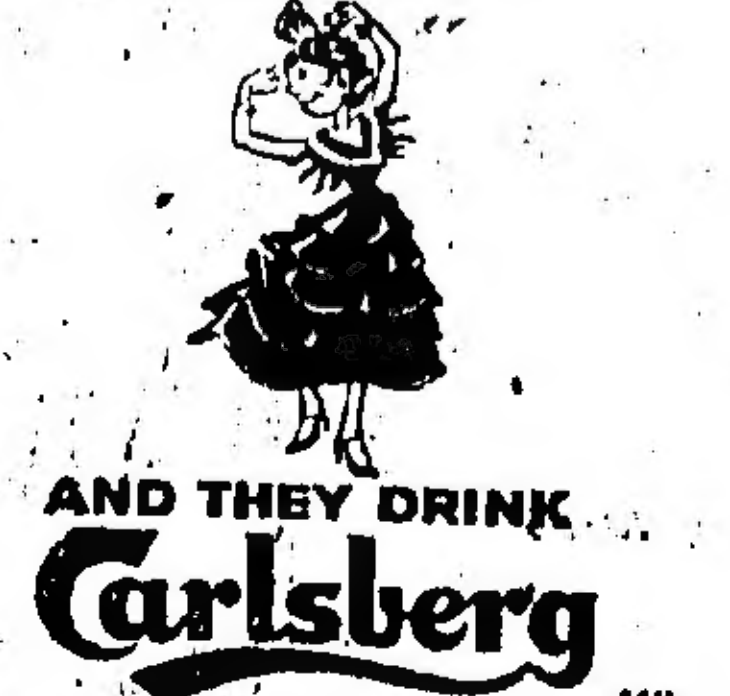
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): A document which you must sign when entering into a binding agreement should be studied with the utmost care.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): You will soon be relieved of an irksome responsibility which you have borne far longer than you bargained for.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will have the pleasure of meeting an old friend at a gathering where you would least expect to find him.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A scheme which has been hanging fire for quite a while needs your quick decision, and you must follow your own conscience.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): You will have an opportunity to help a friend's career without any sacrifice on your part and ought to go out of your way to do so.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): Do not abuse the great influence which you exert over a younger friend.

LEO (July 22-August 21): After a prolonged struggle you will finally succeed in overcoming a superior's resistance to your plan.

VIRGO (August 22-September 22): A most embarrassing situation will be easily overcome if you keep your head and act naturally.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): Honestly always being the best policy, you ought to settle the small debt you owe even if the creditor has forgotten all about it.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): Postpone your visit to a comparative stranger for a while and await a more propitious moment.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): You will have a very busy time socially for the next few weeks, but you must not let late hours impede your work.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): Although you do not relish being in the presence of a very ill person, you really should bring the patient some cheer by visiting her occasionally.

YOUR LUCKY COLOUR: If this is your birthday, look out for BROWN. It ought to bring you luck.



PICTURE SHOWS: From the Autumn show of London milliner Edward Mann: left, "Robin Hood" in lambswool dogtooth, modelled by Anne Cave; centre, "Chaplin" bowler in lambswool check, modelled by Sandra Paul; right, "Hancock" hat in lambswool dogtooth, modelled again by Anne Cave.



Let's Eat

IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Liver Saute Delicious With Sour Cream Sauce

THE big white frame house at Holbrook Farm stands on a hill overlooking the road leading to East Holden, Maine. It was built in 1893.

Our host and hostess, Mr and Mrs Ronald Glass, whom everybody calls Ronny and Hildy, drove us right up to the back door.

"That's the only place our friends ever come," Hildy laughed. "The front door is too formal for Maine."

A MODERN KITCHEN

Into the big square modern electric kitchen we went.

A long wall is lined with cabinets and drawers; a range, a double sink and dishwasher are along one side; an oil stove for winter heating, the big refrigerator and a washing machine are opposite.

In the centre of the room stand a table and chairs for work or for quick meals.

Then came the welcome news, "Dinner is ready."

And what a delicious meal was served in the big dining room. All food was produced on the farm.

DINNER

Tossed Salad Bowl
Liver Saute
Sour Cream Sauce
Parried Potatoes
Buttered Squash
Glazed Apple Cake

Office Tea Milk
All Measurements Are Level
Recipes courtesy Hildy and Ronny

Liver Saute: Dust 1½ lbs. calves (or beef) liver sliced ½"

A Helen Burke recipe

LIVER PROVENCALE

I MAKE the garnish for this dish before cooking the liver. Take only a few minutes and garnish needs about 20.

For four servings, cut two rashers of unsmoked streaky bacon into strips, and gently simmer them to extract some of the fat. Quarter, then thinly slice two-skinned Spanish onions, add them to the bacon and gently cook them.

Next, chop and add three to four skinned and deseeded tomatoes and, finally, add a roughly chopped medium-sized green sweet pepper. Season to taste.

If garlic is liked, add a finely chopped clove of it or, before adding salt to the dish, crush a clove of garlic in it and discard the residue. Another suggested addition

is a few black olives, cut from their stones, but be careful with the salt when seasoning the dish. Cover and simmer gently until cooked.

Have ready 1½ lbs. lamb's or calf's liver, cut into ½-in. slices. Place them in a bowl, pour boiling water over them and leave them for a few minutes. Drain and dry on absorbent paper.

Melt a little bacon fat in a frying-pan. Place each slice in it and cook for not more than ½-minute on each side. The liver should then be perfectly cooked and tender.

Place the cooked mélange of vegetables in a heated entree dish, arrange the liver on top and serve with creamy mashed potatoes.

Stick To Your Guns And Capture Success

"I volunteer work to add up, career-wise, you have to have a one-track mind."

This is what an engaging young mother told me the other day, and her own case is an excellent example.

"I was married right out of the university," she told me cheerfully.



She Walked Out On Volunteer Work She Hated

"I was an English major, loved to write and do dramatics. I was never the kind of writer who could hole up in a garret and write for hours on end. Plays and skits were more my dish, working with collaborators."

"Well, when we got married, George was transferred all over the place. He's an engineer, and for the first four years we lived in about a dozen places."

VOLUNTEER WORK

"There was no hope of my getting a job, so I decided to get a variety of experience as a volunteer. But boy, was it fierce at first!"

"You see, I had decided that I wanted to contribute my own skills and nothing else. I'm terrible at baking and ringing doorbells and telephoning people. But I'm good at writing—letters or skits or whatever."

"At first they looked at me haughtily, and gave me the bit about doing my duty, where I was needed most."

"But the trouble is, I've seen my mother get sucked in that way, and it's been disastrous to her and to the community organization. She couldn't say 'no,' and they'd assign her in jobs she was no good at. She'd get cranky and mean, and finally just drop out."

"So I resolved that I would never fall into that trap. I'll say this, though—once they could see that I meant business, and it was write or nothing, they did give me writing jobs. I did church plays and fund-raising letters, and wrote advertisements for a newsletter one organisation put out, and did publicity for another."

GOOD EXPERIENCE

"Wherever we went, I signed up with the organisation I believe in the most, plus church, and always one hospital—and got plenty of good writing experience."

"Now," she concluded, "we're settled at last. We've got one baby and another coming. And in what time I spare I write up for myself. I'm studying magazine article writing from an elegant book I got in the library."

"Yes, you've got to have a one-track mind. Who knows, some day I may make a fortune with a book seller."

WOMEN AT THE TOP LITTLE GIRL MAKES GOOD

By ALEX GILL

IT was war-time London, on furnishing their flat, "stick by stick" as she says, and none of it contemporary—I want a cosy comfortable home."

Has success changed Julie? "Yes and no," says Tony. She has a great deal more confidence now—but she still hates interviews.

Prefer Simple Clothes

She is expected to wear outstanding clothes—but she likes simple things. She ventured into a Trapeze line, but rejected it, because it didn't suit her. And "I did think the Balloon Line sounded terrible!" she declares.

"If I weren't on the stage, I think I'd do flower decorations in big houses... actually, you know, I've never learned acting. Acting terrifies me... I'm always glad I've got singing to fall back on."

She would love to make a film... "something on celluloid that will last for all time."

"Doolittle Day"

Julie's souvenirs from "My Fair Lady" include three "Eliza Doolittle" presents—she has bought something small for her dressing-room each "Eliza Doolittle Day," which is May 20.

Her most precious memories—"The way people wait outside the theatre after the performance. Especially the people who've sat in the gallery. And when I returned to England from the States, they used to say—'It's lovely to have you back.' I'll always remember that."

Julie's reaction to the offers: "Well, I'd like to do a film... or a musical again... or a play. In fact," she smiles happily, "I'd like to do anything—if they'll have me."

Who can doubt that "they" will!

Planning Ahead Helps Bride To Be Beautiful



SPRAY EAU DE TOILETTE in a flattering light scent on your wedding veil, and you'll walk in a mist of fragrance.

By JEANNE D'ARCY

ALL brides are beautiful—we take that for granted—but sometimes we marvel at how they manage it. Preparations for even the smallest wedding are so time-consuming and exhausting, the wonder is the bride doesn't go down the aisle on a white satin stretcher.

But not radiant and happy, her skin dewy, her eyes bright, she comes down the aisle on her father's arm. It's probably the first time since the date was set that she's taken a slow, measured step.

SHOP EARLY

If you're a bride-to-be with an autumn or winter wedding date, remember it's wise to plan ahead. Get all the shopping, the invitations, catering arrangements and other details out of the way early. Leave the last month—or at the very least, the last two weeks—before the wedding free for beauty preparation.

You're not likely to succeed, but do try anyway, to get eight hours of sleep every night. Nothing like it for fresh skin and sparkling eyes. Plan to catch up on shut-eye over the weekends. No alarm clocks for you on Saturday morning.

PREVIEW MAKE-UP

Preview your wedding make-up from foundation to nail polish. Experiment to find the shades most becoming with white. Your

usual cosmetics may be too bright or too dark with your wedding gown, so be careful. Keep lipstick and polish bright but light. A pretty pink or a soft coral shade—and almost all the new lipsticks are either one or the other—will be your best bet.

Rouge? But, of course, if you lack natural colour. Use only a little and blend it well. The excitement of the wedding will bring a becoming flush to the palest cheeks.

You may want to change your hair before the wedding and give him a chance to take a pro or con stand on it.

PERFUME TEST

Test him on perfume, too. Find the scent that makes him say "Hmmm—That's good! What is it?"

A flattering new fragrance, a bit on the woody, floral side, exotic and warm, seems just perfect for a bride. It comes in eau de toilette, perfume, dusting powder and skin sachet, a complete fragrance wardrobe.

STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Colorful Autumn Job

—Nobody Knows What Mr. Punch Will Paint—

By MAX TRELL

MR PUNCH had been standing looking out of the window for several minutes without saying anything, without even moving. Everyone in the room wondered what he was looking at.

Hanid, the Shadow Girl with the Turned About Name, and Mary-Jane, the Rag Doll, were just about to ask when Mr. Punch suddenly turned around and ran across the room and darted behind the bookcase.

Much Activity

The next second, everyone heard the noise of cans being banged together, brushes being washed, and clothes being changed.

Knarf and Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, and Hlawatha, the Small-Sized Wooden Indian, all peeped behind the bookcase. This is what they saw:

They saw Mr. Punch taking cans of paint out of a closet, gathering brushes of different sizes, and putting a pair of overalls over his clothes.

"He's going to paint something!" Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, announced to all the others in the room.

Just then, Mr. Punch came out from behind the bookcase.

He was carrying the cans of paint and the brushes. He was wearing the overalls. He was looking at the window.

"That's right," he said. "I'm going to paint."

"But the room doesn't need painting," Mr. Punch. Hanid said.

"I'm not going to paint the house," smiled Mr. Punch.

While he was talking he was walking toward the door with his cans of paint and his brushes. All at once he thought of something.

"I need a ladder," he said.

He set the paints and brushes down and went behind the bookcase again (Mr. Punch kept everything behind the bookcase) and came out presently with a ladder.

"Now," he said, "I'm all ready."

Just before he reached the door, everybody, in the room jumped in front of him to bar his way.

"We're not going to let you out, sir," said General Tim, un-

til you tell us exactly what it is you're going to paint."

Mr. Punch looked at all his friends crowded around the door. He frowned, then suddenly he burst out laughing.

"Come here," he said to everybody. "Just look out of the window and you'll see what needs painting!"

Everybody looked out of the window. Nobody could see anything but two big maple trees standing at the edge of the sidewalk in front of the house.

"Can't you see what needs painting?" asked Mr. Punch.

"It's not those two maple trees, it is!" Hanid asked.

Not The Trees

"No," said Mr. Punch, "it's not those two maple trees that need painting. But it's their leaves!"

Mr. Punch opened the door and walked out with his cans of paint and his paint brushes and his ladder and the overalls over his good clothes.

And the rest of the morning and most of the afternoon, he was up in the branches of the two maple trees, painting and spotting and decorating the thousands and thousands of leaves.

Some he painted yellow, some he spotted and flecked with brown and gold, and some he decorated with almost all the colours of the rainbow.

It was a very busy day for Mr. Punch, the leaf painter.



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Rupert and the Whistlefish—22



The aged man shows every sign of excitement as he takes the little bear indoors and places him with questions. Rupert tells all he knows of his fishman's journey. "I can't imagine what brought it, and why it all happened!" he insists. Please, all rights reserved.



why does that fish whistle? And what is this place? And... But the other bushes him through another door on to another platform and Rupert sees more fantastic buildings, rising above the placid sea as the man seizes a heavy ball and flings it.

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HENRY COOPER... the champion.

FA CUP SECOND ROUND DRAW UNFAVOURABLE TO NON-LEAGUE SIDES

London, Nov. 15. The draw for the second round of the English Football Association's Challenge Cup competition could mean that not a single non-League club will be in the third round when the "Giants" of the first and second divisions make their entry.

Not that this is likely to happen for there are sure to be one or two shocks. It just so happens that in none of the 20 ties is there a clear case of non-league clubs meeting each other.

Almost every season at least one non-League team reaches the competition's closing stages. Mixed fortunes have come to the two amateur clubs already through to the second round. The Middlesex Club Enfield, after their good victory over Hendon, have another home tie—this time against stronger opposition in third-division Bournemouth.

Wycombe Wanderers, one of the most powerful amateur sides in the country, have to travel, but as yet they do not know their opponents. They will probably be going to Watford, who are expected to win their home replay with Cheltenham tomorrow.

Harder Task

Bath City, the Southern League side who provided a shock by knocking out the strong fourth division side, Millwall on Saturday, have an even harder task in the second round. They visit fourth division club Notts County, who hold a splendid home record of ten wins in 11 games. Crystal Palace and Brentford, the London League sides, are both drawn away.

Palace, who beat non-League Chelmsford on Saturday, play the winners of the all-Southern League replay between Margate and Kettering.

Brentford, who coasted to victory over Ashford Town, go to Exeter, now a much sterner proposition.

One of the best ties of the day could be between third division rivals, Queen's Park Rangers and Port Vale. The draw was made on a regional basis to avoid long journeys.

The full draw is as follows:

Stockport County v Crewe Alexandra
South Shields v Bradford City
Grimsby Town v Wrexham
Rochdale v Carlisle United
Barnsley v Bradford City
Crawley Town v Macclesfield Town
York City v Southport
Southport v Workington v Halesowen
Bury v Shildon or Oldham Athletic
Doncaster Rovers v Gainsborough
Walsall v Peterborough United
Norwich City v Reading v King's Lynn
Coventry City or Southampton v Southern United
Gillingham v Torquay United
Cheltenham Town or Watford v Wycombe Wanderers
Kettering Town or Margate v Crystal Palace
Exeter City v Brentford
Barnet v Newport County
Enfield v Bournemouth
Notts County v Bath City
Queen's Park Rangers v Port Vale

Tony Brooks May Retire From Motor Racing

London, Nov. 16. Celebrated British motor racing driver Tony Brooks will possibly retire from competition at the end of this season due to the birth of his first child, a girl, in Cheshire today.

Brooks, who drives for the Ferrari stable, let it be known over a year ago upon marrying his wife Nina, an Italian, that he planned to give up the sport when he had started a family.

The 27-year-old Brooks declared today: "That decision will have to wait until the racing season is over. The World Championship is not yet decided and as I have a possible chance of winning it in the Sebring race I cannot decide before then. After that race, which is on December 12, I will decide."

Brooks is currently third in the World Drivers' Championship standings, behind Australian's Jack Brabham, the leader, and Britain's Stirling Moss. The Sebring (Florida) race closes the 1959 Formula One championship season.

One of the most popular of racing drivers, Brooks is also a surgeon-dentist in the off-season.—A.P.

Tonight's Big Fight At Earls Court

COOPER FAVOURED TO BEAT ERSKINE AND RETAIN HEAVYWEIGHT TITLES

By DENNIS HART

London, Nov. 17.

Cardiff's Joe Erskine plans tonight to relieve London's Henry Cooper of the British and Empire heavyweight boxing titles—by courtesy of Henry Cooper. Let it be explained at once that Mr Cooper is neither a voluntary nor a willing partner in this matter at Earls Court. He is merely an accessory before what Erskine hopes will soon be fact.

But there is a curious link between the two boxers. It was on October 14, 1958, that Henry Cooper picked himself up off the floor to hammer burly Dick Richardson to a five-round defeat.

The fight left a deep impression on all those present. And not the least on ringmaster Joe Erskine.

No Punch

As far as Erskine was concerned, the situation looked gloomy. True he remained the most polished heavyweight in the world. But what good is that when you are almost blinded with your own blood?

What's more, without a pay-off punch of his own, Joe was unable to get in first, to settle matters quickly, and to diminish the risk of suffering personal damage.

What was the use of going on? Any fighter could be forgiven for being depressed by the turn

of events. For Erskine it was even more frustrating. He is a man of pride, in himself and in his performance. He has always striven for perfection—ever since his grandmother took time off from throwing toughs out of her barber's shop on Cardiff's Tiger Bay waterfront. He shows little Joe how to look after himself. Now all the years of learning, of training, of fighting, seemed doomed to end in a full bloody stop.

Did His Stuff

Then Henry Cooper did his stuff. Henry had been dogged by cut eyes throughout his career. They were again out in the opening rounds of the fight with Richardson. Henry thought that he, too, had had it.

But he gritted his teeth, got up from the floor and hammered Richardson to defeat.

The weight of depression at once lifted itself from watchmaker Joe's mind. If Henry could do it, so could Joe, he thought.

On January 12 this year Cooper undertook the lesson of the cut-eye boxer can be overcome. He was meeting Brian London for the title that London had taken from Erskine.

Once again, London brought blood pouring from his opponent's eyes. Once again, it looked to be all over. But aided by slick repair work in his corner, like Cooper, he now keeps jabbing London with his left, and won.

Like Cooper, Erskine has now had operations to strengthen the tissues around his eyes. Like Cooper, he now reckons that it will take more than cut eyes to stop him.

Such are the claims presented on behalf of Erskine to defy London and to come back as British champion. Two other points in his favour—he has already beaten Cooper twice.

And in his re-establishment campaign he has again beaten Richardson and outpointed that slick American Willie Pastrano. Richardson is a puncher. Pastrano comes class.

But I am still not convinced. Erskine has not yet met a man who combines skill and power. Cooper does just that. He is one of the few British boxers who uses his left as though he really means it.

And don't forget that although Erskine has been shown the way back, Cooper has done the showing.

But if he is to retain the title, Cooper must unbend and let himself go. Too often in the past he has been so tense that he has been frozen into near immobility.

At Earls Court he would do well to follow the example of world featherweight champion Davey Moore and have a sharp warm-up session in the dressing room immediately before going into the ring.

World Contender

The way I see things, Erskine will get the most blows in, but Cooper's will have the more effect.

The effect will be to retain his title and to establish himself as contender for the world title. For the British Boxing Board of Control have stated that the fight is an eliminator for the title.

Such is the state of world boxing politics that the pronouncement doesn't mean much. Anyway, British fights will be satisfied if Cooper and Erskine produce a championship fight worthy of the name.

Miss Bueno Wins In NSW Tennis Tournament

Sydney, Nov. 16. Brazil's Maria Bueno breezed through her second round singles in the New South Wales Championship today with a 6-0, 6-2, win over Dawn Roberts of Sydney.

England's Christine Truman joined her in the third round with a walkover when opponent Wendy Middleton withdrew.

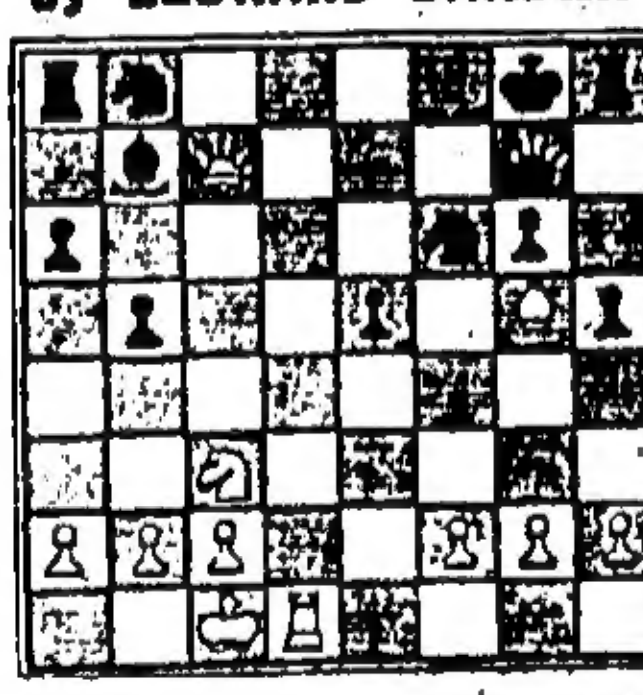
Mimi Arnold of San Francisco scored a fast 6-0, 6-3 win over Jan Mills of Sydney in another second round match.

Bueno, Truman and Arnold, the three foreign entrants in the tournament, had drawn first round byes.

Play got underway today after rain had washed out the first four days.—U.P.

CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



Here is a position from actual play. White to move and win.

(London Express Service).

Sports Diary

TO-MORROW
Secret
Djurgardens v Combined Chinese
Government Stadium, 8.00 p.m.

CANADA CUP FIRST ROUND DRAW

Melbourne, Nov. 17. The South African and Japanese teams have been grouped together for the first round of the Canada Cup, the world's top international golf prize here tomorrow.

Gary Player and Harold Henning of South Africa and Torakichi Nakamura and

Karuyoshi Kobari of Japan will set out at 11.00 a.m. Christy O'Connor and Harry Broadshaw, Irish holders of the cup will open the tournament at 10 a.m. accompanied by the Australian team of Peter Thomson and Kel Nagle. The rest of the 30-nation field will follow them at ten-minute intervals.

The tournament which is being played over the 6,853 yards par 70 Royal Melbourne course involves 72 holes of stroke play—18 hole round each day. The team with the lowest aggregate wins the Canada Cup. There is a second prize—the International Trophy for the lowest scoring individual.—Reuters.

Spurs Score Repeat Win Over Moscow's Torpedo XI

London, Nov. 16. Tottenham Hotspur, currently sharing third place in the English first division football league, scored their second victory of the year over the Soviet Union's "Torpedo" when they defeated the Moscow automobile works team three to two before some 40,000 spectators at Tottenham tonight.

The London club led three to one at half-time. Mackay, Smith and White scored Tottenham's goals in the sixth, 22nd and 28th minutes respectively. Ivanov and Sergaev scored for Torpedo in the 23rd and 69th minutes. The Spurs, who beat the Soviet team one-nil at Moscow in May, had two other goals disallowed.

EXCELLENT MATCH

It was an excellent match with Tottenham prevailing by its precise, rapid and intelligent play why it led the English first division so long this season.

The visitors also played well, especially on the approach, but lacked the bite of the British eleven and delayed too much before the goal.

"Torpedo," which was reinforced by two "Ringers"—international goalkeeper Yoshin and left-back Kuznetsov—will play two other matches in Britain, against Newcastle on November 19 and Sheffield Wednesday on November 23.—A.P.

A Pill May Take Away That Black Eye

A MATEUR boxers are helping a science to end the public embarrassment of the black eye.

They are experimenting with pills that dissolve blood clots and so clear up injuries quickly.

After tests with 60 boxers Dr Joseph Blomstein, who is in charge of this research, reports: "The experiment is going well. I hope to conduct further experiments with Rugby and Soccer players."

"At some time in the near future it is possible that pills similar to these will be on sale to the public."

A black eye lasts usually from at least a week to a fortnight. With the pills it is expected that all traces will vanish in three or four days.

It would certainly cut down the number of times black-eye sufferers have to explain to cynical audiences: "It was a lamp post."

(London Express Service).

JOE ERSKINE... the challenger.

Teams For 2nd Interport Cricket Trial

The following teams have been selected for the second Interport Trial which will be played over the next two Sundays, November 22 and 29. On Sunday, November 22 (first day), the game will be played at the KCC and on Sunday, November 29 (second day), the game will be played at the HKCC.

Play will commence at 11 a.m. on both Sundays.

Anyone unable to play is requested to inform his respective captain, Mr D. Coffey, Tel. 55211 or Mr G. H. P. Pritchard, Tel. 34181 as soon as possible.

D. COFFEY'S XI
R. H. Hughes, A. Myatt, R. Campion, Lt M. Kitching, V. Fairhall, Capt J. Watts, G. T. Rowe, F. A. Waller, C. J. B. Leader, Capt A. Fitzherbert, Fus Ward.
Reserve: R. Ball.
G.H.P. PRITCHARD'S XI
R. Lalchandani, D. Barrett, B. Cornall, Gnr Goodman, B. Dhober, G. A. Souza, I. L. Stanton, J. Shroff, Major R. Arnold, P. V. Dodge, C. Myatt.
Reserve: Borland (RAF).

MANAGER TO COOK FOR CHARNLEY

Houston, Nov. 16. Britain's Dave Charnley, here for a world lightweight title fight with champion Joe Brown on December 2, has moved out of his Houston hotel to an apartment in the suburbs—so that manager Arthur Boggis can cook his food.

Explaining the decision to rent a suburban apartment, Mr Boggis said: "It's the food—too rich. What Dave wants is raw meat, green salad and fresh fruit. We are going to an apartment so I can cook for him—I know what it takes to put zip into that left."

The British fighter has asked for a new heavy punch bag as his gym. "The present one is up to our necks," said Mr Boggis. "It is too heavy at the bottom and too slick." He said the promoters were obtaining a new punch bag from New York.—China Mail Special.

TAE GAMBOLS

By Barry Appleby



AIRMAN'S



PARIS—dream of a world for which no club is good enough.



CHARLIE SMIRKE RETIRES Fights Against Odds To Ride Four Derby Winners

It has been said before and now it's official. The great Charlie Smirke, four times winner of the Derby, No. 1 classic of the English Turf, has ridden his last race. His weight and keep-fit worries are over. Now his problems as Mr Charles Smirke, owner, begin.

Charlie Smirke. There has never been anyone quite like him in the history of the Sport of Kings—a tough, dynamic little man who all his life has been fighting against the odds and proving his critics wrong.

As long ago as 1928 the cognoscenti of the Turf were saying that Charlie was finished. His licence had been withdrawn for five years and he was wringing out costumes in a penny-a-time as a bathing-hut attendant on the Brighton beach.

Yet Charlie came back. Reinstated by the Jockey Club in 1933, he jumped back into prominence the following year by winning his first Derby on Windsor Lad (15-2). In 1935 he won the St Leger on the late Aga Khan's Bahram (4-11). In 1936 he won the Derby and St Leger with Mahmoud.

War Service

During the war, Bombardier Smirke served with the Royal Artillery in Egypt and in the invasion of Sicily. He returned home penniless and jobless and once again it seemed that his star had sunk below the horizon. Charlie began by riding over hurdles and in 1947 he bounced back into the news by winning the Eclipse Stakes on Migoli. The following year he won the 2,000 Guineas on My Babu and in 1952, having funded the job of first jockey to the Aga Khan, he scored his third Derby win on Tulyar (11-2).

But by 1958, Smirke was dubbed the "forgotten man" of racing. He had won the 1,000 Guineas in 1957, but he finished nowhere in the Derby and in the following season he was given only 14 mounts before the Derby was held.

Few experts gave him a chance of winning on Hard Ridden, even though he had

steered the bay colt to victory in the Irish 2,000 Guineas. Smirke was a veteran of 51 and it was said that the colt would not stay. So Hard Ridden was allowed to start at 18-1.

The horse romped home by five lengths and many small bookies were heavily hit. For on the morning of the race thousands of small punters put their bobs and half-crowns on Charlie's horse.

It was one of the easiest of Derby wins, a foregone conclusion by the time that Hard Ridden was halfway up the straight. Afterwards Smirke said: "That was my last Derby. My grand slam. I shall definitely retire this year."

But the lure of the Turf proved too strong for Charlie. After a holiday in the Jamaican sunshine he announced that he felt "20 years younger" and re-applied for his jockey's licence.

Once again he was engaged to ride in the Derby—on the French 2,000 Guineas winner Thymus. It was his 24th mount in the classic.

Confident Smirke has always been optimistic about his Derby prospects and in 1952 he sent a pre-Derby telegram to the London Press Club saying: "Hope on Wednesday at 3.40. I will be saying 'What did I Tulyar?' He was right."

Smirke has good reason to be optimistic. A supreme handler and judge of horses, he has the greatest Derby record since Steve Donoghue dominated the field in the 1920s. It was partly due to him that Sir Gordon Richards was denied a Derby

success until as late as 1933. Sheer guts have enabled Smirke to make a series of successful comebacks. The son of a boxer, he had to choose between boxing and riding for a career and never regretted his decision. He rode his first winner at 15.

Last Race

Throughout his career he has fought a constant battle to reduce his weight. But even during his five years in the wilderness he kept himself in training by boxing and playing golf.

Charlie, or "Smirke" as he is known to millions of racegoers, will rank among the all-time "greats" of racing—even though he never rode a hundred winners in a season, never won the jockey championship.

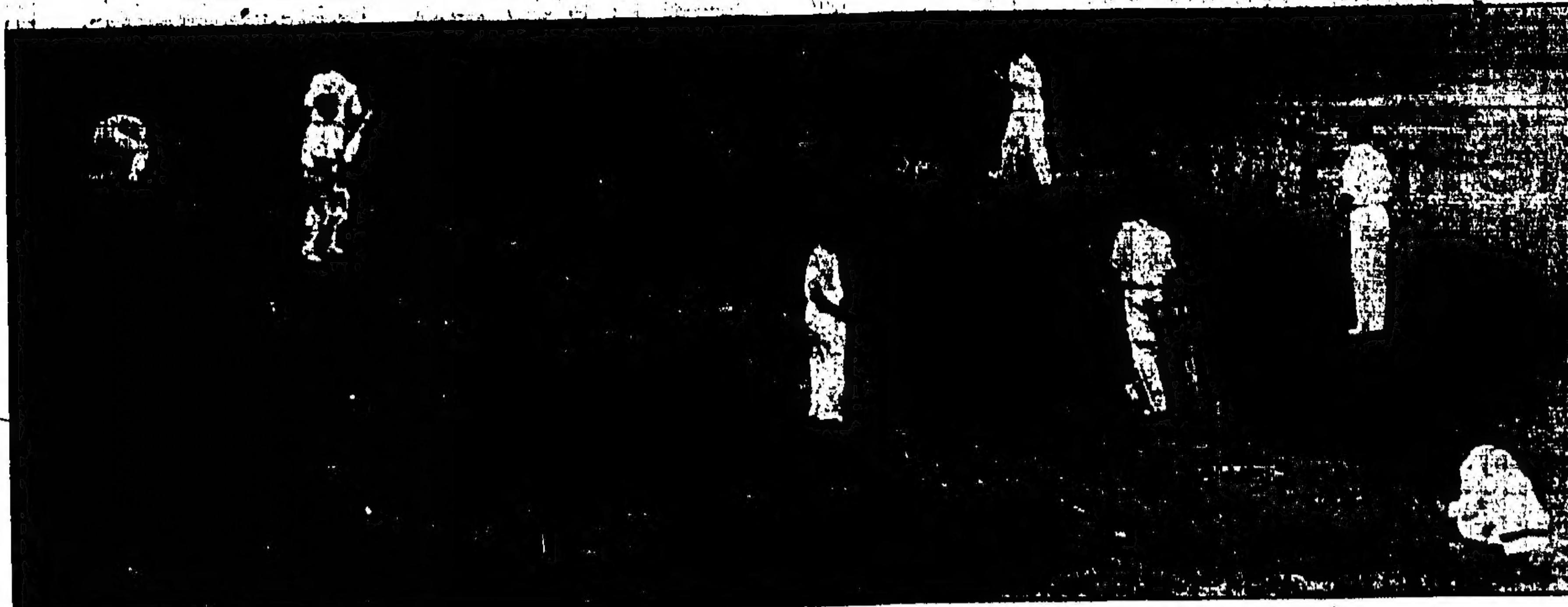
For he had eleven classic triumphs and numerous victories abroad. At 19, he won the Grand Prix de Paris; at 47, he shocked the Americans by winning the Washington International on Worden II. He has also won the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

His English victories include four St Leger—two of them in succession. In 1935 he repeated his victory of the previous year when he was lucky to get Bahram because of an injury which prevented Freddy Fox, the Aga Khan's No. 1 jockey from riding.

Now, at 53, Charlie Smirke has finally quit the saddle. And he has finished appropriately by winning a race at Windsor on Sovereign Path.

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Brilliant Catch Ends A Bright Innings



Brigade's Kitching makes a brilliant catch behind the wicket to dismiss Kowloon Cricket Club's D. G. Coffey in the first division cricket league match between Brigade and KCC at Sookunpoo last Saturday. Coffey gave an attractive display of bright cricket during his stay at the wicket, scoring 33 runs in 20 minutes. The other batsman in the photo is J. Shroff, who hit up a chanceless 70 not out to top score in KCC's total of 201 runs for four wickets declared.

The match ended in a draw, Brigade scoring 145 for seven when stumps were drawn. — China Mail photo.

Miss Pattabong

Wins North India

Shuttle Title

Lucknow, Nov. 15. Thailand's Uber Cup player, Miss Pratsang Pattabong, won the women's singles title in the Northern India badminton tournament today, defeating Miss Meena Shah, the holder, 9-11, 12-9, 11-9.

Bengal's Dipu Ghosh and Pronobe Bose defeated Erlend Kops, of Denmark, and Puthul, of Thailand, in the doubles semi-final 15-12, 17-15.

In the men's singles semi-final event, Denmark's Kops, after leading 13-10 in the third game, conceded a walk-over to Pratsang's Akram Beg due to a sprain in his right thigh. Kops won the first game 15-8 and lost the second 10-15. — Reuter.

BOXER BROWN LIKES IT FINE IN HIS HIDEOUT

But He Cannot Find Playmates

By GEORGE WHITING

Dave Charnley, that itchy-fingered ex-boilermaker from Dartford, has already marked up a tactical advantage over Louisiana's Joe Brown, whose world light-weight title—plus 20 per cent of the gate-money—he hopes to acquire by means of commercial bloodshed in Houston, Texas, on December 2.

Charnley, as is well known in these parts, fights wrong-way—round, right—foot—forward—and, this extreme unorthodoxy on the part of a peripatetic Britisher has brought me a loud and anguished wail from Mr Brown.

Poor Old Joe, urgently in need of southpaw partners on whom to practise the shots he says he aims to plant on Charnley, just cannot find the right kind of playmates. Not even for money.

"I gotta get me awkward guys—but they just ain't showin'," Joe tells me from his training headquarters at Camp Holden.

'Ain't Showed'

"First, there's this Joe Louis Murphy, a wrong-hander from out of New Mexico. I send him transportation and things, and what does he do? He decides to stay home."

"Frankie Davis, a portlander out of Los Angeles, is ticketed to arrive days ago. So is Solis Scott, who used to spar around in our camp way back. But they ain't showed. I sure hope they arrive real quick."

"These southpaws are scarcer than hen's teeth. The only one near my weight in the whole State of Texas is a kid with only two pro starts, but it looks like I may have to use him. I have to be sharp for your pal Charnley, and the sooner I get started the better."

"I fought a southpaw one time—Kenny Lane. But the word around here is that Kenny ain't in the same league as Charnley as a puncher."

"There's another reason I have to start training real soon. I hurt my right hand in a draw with Joey Parks in my last fight—and this right hand is a kinda favourite with me. Maybe I'll show it to Charnley when he gets here."

Off His Chest

Having got this "no southpaw" notion off his chest, the world champion waxes slightly lyrical over his country-style hide-out some 25 miles from downtown Houston.

"I trained here three times and won them all," says Joe. "It's a rambling brick home and it's real beautiful in the Fall with oak trees all over. We got a TV set in the den, a record player, radio and all that stuff. We go fishin' in a big lake and there's a nice dirt farm track for roadwork."

"But, Joe, my trainer—I guess you know him in England—is head man around here. We also got Billy DeFoe, a real old-timer and a special cook to see I eat like Bill says. It's not real nice, but scenery ain't everything. I sure would feel happier with a few of them southpaws around the joint."

And Mr Charnley? Our pocket battleship champion says he is delighted to hear that Mr Brown is being inconvenienced. Not very sporting. Not quite Charnley-like. Especially if the tycoon of Texas imagines that this week's arrival from Old

England is a veray parit gentl knight—well, so much the worse for them. And for Joe Brown. About the only sentimental aspect of the Charnley caravan that sets out today is that

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Statement By UK Travel Authority

Hongkong can expect a steady increase in the flow of tourists from the United Kingdom, a leading travel authority said today.

HK Victim Helped On To Stretcher



This picture taken by a China Mail reader, shows an injured woman rescued from the Grand Prix bridge collapse on Sunday, being put on a stretcher by two friends. There was no further news today of the condition of the Hongkong spectators still detained in hospital in Macao, but the last news was that they were progressing satisfactorily.

False Testimony By Policeman? Magistrate To Decide

A Police Sergeant, Li Moon, appeared before Mr A. J. Sanguinetti at Central Magistracy this morning, charged with wilfully making a false testimony.

The charge against him arose out of a case involving a woman, Cheung Ying, who was acquitted of a charge of loitering by Mr Sanguinetti, on November 6 this year. She was arrested on October 25.

'MY OWN HANDS'
On November 6, the Sergeant had been asked by the Magistrate whether he had arrested the woman before. He said: "This is the first time I arrested the defendant—this is the first time I arrested her with my own hands."

This morning, he admitted he had said this, but said it was not false. He explained to the Court that on October 25, he arrested her with his own hands but that formerly, he had only been one of a party of police inspectors and officers who had arrested her.

Sub-Inspector N. G. Lelkote gave corroborative evidence to this effect.

STUPIDITY?
Mr M. Morley-John, Acting Senior Crown Counsel, who appeared for the Sergeant, said in his submission that he felt that Sgt Li, far from wilfully intending to give false testimony, had tried to clarify his testimony. "Why should he try to give false evidence on this matter? It may have been through stupidity but not wilfully," he added. Mr Sanguinetti adjourned the case until November 23, for him to consider the evidence.

ESCAPEE ON MURDER CHARGE

Sydney, Nov. 16. Crowds packed the central court in Sydney this afternoon when Kevin John Simmonds, 24, appeared to face 17 charges arising from his escape from Long Bay gaol 33 days ago. Simmonds appeared in court in a white open-necked shirt, green trousers and still with bare feet and beard. He was charged with having escaped from lawful custody, with having murdered a prison warder, Cecil Mills, with having assaulted and robbed a policeman, and on six charges of stealing motor cars and eight charges of breaking, entering and stealing.

JAPANESE SKIPPER FINED \$300

Shigeru Nakama, 35, Captain of a Japanese fishing vessel, m.v. Sunlak, was fined \$300 by Mr T. L. Yang at Central Magistracy this morning when he admitted possessing 62 sticks of dynamite and 63 detonators without a permit.

Detective Sub-Inspector G. J. Batts, prosecuting, said the defendant bought them in Hongkong on August 17.

Between August 19 and September 10, his vessel was away from the Colony and some of the explosives were used in some islands near the Philippines.

Since September 16 the vessel had been lying in Cheung Sha Wan with the explosives on board.

A party of detectives boarded the vessel as a result of information received and found the explosives concealed near a cooking stove in the kitchen.

Mr Yang ordered them to be confiscated.

Remand For Airmen On Theft Count

Cpl. John Thomas Avery, 19, and Aircraftman Christopher Thomas Dyson, 20, of RAF Little Sal Wan, were further remanded until Friday by Mr T. L. Yang at Central Magistracy this morning on a charge of robbery.

Defendants are alleged, with others not in custody, to have robbed a taxi driver, To Su-so, of \$33 in Lockhart Road on November 8.

Tariff Inquiry Next Year

Washington, Nov. 16. The Tariff Commission today announced that public hearings would begin next March 1 to determine whether a penalty fee should be imposed on cotton textile imports.

President Eisenhower, at the request of Mr Ezra Taft Benson, the Secretary of Agriculture, asked the Tariff Commission last Tuesday to hold the inquiry.—Reuter.

WEAPONS TEST IN N.T.



A weapons test is being held in the New Territories today by the Army. The above picture shows No. 5 Field Regiment, RA "P" Battery (The Dragon Troop) firing 4.2 mortars in the Fort Shelter Area. The picture below shows 32 Medium Regiment, RA firing a 5.5 medium gun from Hebe Hill in the Sai Kung Area.—China Mail photos.



From the Files

25 years AGO

November, 1934

UNDER a five-column, banner headline, the SCM Post reported that the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Indian Constitutional Reform yesterday recommended a full Dominion status.

The report, it said, had created a profound sensation.

In many circles it is described as the most momentous document in the history of the British Empire.

The report recommends that Burma be separated from India and given a separate constitution.

Members of the Hongkong Jockey Club and the Fanning Hunt and Race Club will be sorry to hear that Mr Roger Corbett, late of the Royal Artillery, died at Cheltenham General Hospital in England after a car crash.

He has been described by one sporting journal as "one of our most capable cross-country jockeys. He gained his experience of race riding in China where he rode many winners."

He came to Hongkong towards the end of 1930 and returned to England in 1932.

Whilst stationed in Hongkong he showed himself to be a very keen rider—especially at Fanning—and was responsible for many enjoyable runs with hounds.

BATHING cabins (containing dressing and shower rooms, service cupboards and lounges) an outdoor dance floor, a swimming pool and a promenade lawn will be features of the Repulse Bay Lido, the first section of which will be ready for occupation early next summer.

This undertaking is being carried out by the Hongkong Realty and Trust Co Ltd and the contractors employed being Messrs Cheong Hong Co.

The Morning Post was inundated with letters of complaint following publication of the letter telling British sailors to keep away from the Peak and objecting to concession fares to American sailors on the same basis as those extended to the British. An editorial note appeared shortly afterwards saying that "numerous letters have been received and the correspondents 'appear to have misunderstood the writer's heavy sarcasm.'"

[The letter was reprinted in this column last week.]

Electricity Commission Of Inquiry

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He submitted that the \$72 million profits retained by China Light and the \$35 million retained by Hongkong Electric could have been raised from shareholders, or falling from the general public even at a premium. There were numerous other companies in Hongkong who had successfully floated large sums, he said, and so highly were China Light shares regarded that investors had been prepared to accept a yield as low as 5 per cent at times.

He said that the net profits of China Light were in excess of 30 per cent when most factories would be very happy with five per cent, while import and export firms regarded that a handsome return on gross profits.

INCREASED PROFITS
Mr Edwards observed that the profits of the two companies had increased year by year since 1951 and this had been "an occasion of profits on profit."

It had been pointed out that the China Light had paid an interest of one per cent on deposits, but the average interest was only 0.6 per cent in view of large numbers of deposits under \$100, for which no interest had ever been paid, Mr Edwards said.

He suggested that consumers should be entitled to four per cent interest on deposits. The China Light had raised the point of an atomic plant and the expiry of the New Territories lease. Atomic power was "a long way off" for Hongkong and was "one of these things talked about in the next 20, 30 or 40 years."

As far as the lease of the New Territories was concerned, Mr Edwards went on, but there was a likelihood of a renewal, and probably "no key money would have been required at that time."

Mr Edwards also referred to the "phenomenal increase in the sale of electricity in the past few years. In the last five years up to 1956, there had

been increases in the consumption but with little variation in price.

Subsidy on industry, as claimed by the China Light, had been borne by consumers mostly. Mr Edwards went on. There were only 103 industrial consumers on bulk rates in the whole of the New Territories and on the Island.

ANOTHER THING
"Although these people get power at less than the average cost, with load factor taken into consideration, it becomes quite another thing," he said.

He agreed with the general principle of surcharge and maintained that surcharge was only a temporary expedient.

He submitted that since 1953, surcharge should have been consolidated with the basic rate.

He said the surcharge had been used to enable the China Light to carry out their policy of self-financing. It also enabled the Hongkong Electric to do likewise, though on a less significant scale.

Both companies' profits had increased year by year since 1952 when the surcharge was imposed, he pointed out.

He said the consumers were not concerned with the accounts and the balance sheets of the companies, but they were chiefly concerned with their own bills, and the overall profits from the result of payment of these bills.

He said after the agitation in 1956, the Chinese Manufacturers' Association had been offered an opportunity to go into the accounts of surcharge. "But the crux of the situation was the overall profit, not the surcharge. It was the profit on basic rates."

Earlier, Mr Ferry Chen, Chairman of the Hongkong Chinese Reform Association told the Electricity Commission that the short point of the whole enquiry was whether China Light and Power Co Ltd, and Hongkong Electric Company Ltd had overcharged their consumers.

The consumer in Hongkong was interested in what he paid for his electricity and if he had

been overcharged then it was a matter for legislation and control.

ANSWERED
He submitted that the case made out by the two companies themselves answered the question. Mr Lawrence Kadoorie, Chairman of China Light, and every one of his assistants who spoke admitted that they were overcharging.

Mr Chen said it was obvious from Mr Kadoorie's answer in cross-examination that he wanted the same profits as he was getting to be able to continue his company on the present basis.

Referring to Mr Bennett's figures, he said that the company since 1947 had spent a total of \$164,229,754 on land, building, fixed assets and working capital. The total profits since then had been \$142,459,408, including dividends, depreciation and consumers deposits.

Mr Chen said that Mr Kadoorie, having agreed with these figures, could not possibly say that the surcharge imposed was a real one.

NOT VALID
He reiterated that it was a device and a scheme to produce additional revenue from the consumers and this was the short point of the enquiry.

He said that the reasons given by China Light for their policy of self-financing were not valid. The real reason was that this was the only way they could get the kind of capital they required.

"The kind of capital they require is that capital never gets anything," he said.

Saying that he could not let Mr Kadoorie's remarks about the destruction of civilisation in Shanghai pass without a reply, Mr Chen said that he would deal with this in a light manner and not "bring out the heavy artillery."

INTERESTING
He said Shanghai today was by no means a desert without any civilisation at all. He pointed out that a school there named after Sir Elly Kadoorie (Mr Kadoorie's father) was at present a tech-

nical school which had turned out thousands of technicians since 1952 who had gone all over China to assist in the development of industry. Shanghai also had a marble palace, former residence of Sir Elly Kadoorie, which was being used to house children at the present time.

Mr Chen went to describe the shipbuilding industry, and steel works in Shanghai until the Chairman, Mr John Mould intervened.

He said he found these remarks very interesting but was a bit worried as to how they were relevant. He felt that it would be alright if Mr Chen dealt with them very lightly and not take up too much time with them.

Mr Mould also remarked that a member of the Commission wanted to know whether Mr Chen had any electricity figures from Shanghai.

"No, I anticipated that," said Mr Chen. "As a matter of fact I did bring a whole volume with me."

"On dear!" said the Chairman, "I should not have made that enquiry."

However Mr Chen said he would leave that matter aside if the Chairman wished, as he did not have figures with him.

Continuing.

EXTRACTS

Mr Chen then went on to quote extracts from minutes taken of a Board meeting of China Light held on July 15, 1957.

He submitted these extracts showed three things—that the surcharge scheme was put into being when the price of oil was \$90 a long ton; that the desire was to pass on the increase in oil to the consumer individually; and that the final decision made by the two electric companies was intended not only to cover the extra \$10.18 per ton, but also to recoup what they considered to have been losses borne previously. "But they were not real losses because they are making profits over all," Mr Chen added.

The Talent Of Nancy Kwan

A leading Hollywood film director said today that young Hongkong starlet, Nancy Kwan, was one of the most talented young actresses he has ever seen.

The director is Mr William Schorr who is at present in Hongkong preparing the film production "Kowloon."

Nancy, 19-year-old daughter of a local architect, is tipped to play the title role in the film version of the best selling novel "The World of Suzie Wong."

FASCINATED

Mr Schorr who became friendly with Miss Kwan in America, told a reporter today that she had an "unusual freshness that fascinated everyone."

"But despite her quick rise up the ladder she is still a simple young girl," he said.

"Irrespective of whether she gets the coveted role or not, you can be sure that she is going to be a great actress," he added.

Mr William Holden who will play the male lead in the film strongly supported Mr Schorr's praise of Nancy.

EXCELLED

"Although I have not yet met Nancy I have seen some of her first screen tests."

"In the tests I would say Nancy excelled," he said. Asked if he would have anything to do with selecting the female lead Mr Holden replied: "I suppose they may call me — but who on earth takes any notice of me?"



NANCY KWAN

This Funny World



"Could this, by any absurd happenstance, apply to me?"

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